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Dear Andy and Nick

Thank you so much for your time today. The meeting was helpful in moving us further forward with the application.

As promised, I am undertaking a number of actions with my team in response to our discussion and thought a quick note of these would help set out the immediate next steps.

1. I attach my letter of 21 September to Sally Blomfield in response to Virginia Pullan's letter of 16/09/20 as promised.
2. I will prepare a note setting out the very minor discrepancies between the 'as built' access and that proposed as part of the application.
3. I will forward some information about Ham Down Natural Burial site, which is a mature site, which displays the type of future landscape character of the fall-back scheme.
4. Our Landscape expert will prepare a set of bullet points of what we believe is common ground on issues of landscape and visual impact.

Whilst writing I thought I would also remind you of your agreed actions from our meeting:

1. You committed to issuing a formal letter with the corrected formal expiry date of the application as 4 November 2020.
2. You agreed that a single updated landscape consultation response will be prepared to append to the committee report
3. You agreed to reflect on the rebuttal by Peter Mitchell to the Clyde & Co letter of 29 September before commissioning an independent need report

With regard to the request to the extension of time I have made an approach to the applicant on this matter. It is possible that an extension of time might be granted, however, this is likely to be conditional upon two points. Firstly an agreement / possibly a site meeting with the County Landscape Architect and case officer to agree common ground and to explore an understanding of landscape impacts. Secondly, if the Council do commission an independent need assessment this would be available to our need expert before the end of October to give ample time for a rebuttal (if required) that could be reported fully to the District planning committee.

Towards the end of October, given the suggestions above, I would hope you would have a better idea of your likely assessment of the proposal overall and this would guide the applicant as to whether they will confirm an extension of time for the application.

I would also like to take the opportunity to advise you that if the Council do proceed with an independent need assessment that care is taken that the author has not, and does not, act for Dignity Funerals Ltd.

I will be in touch again shortly with the additional material set out in points 2-4 above.

Kind regards,
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