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Dear Mr Thapar

Highbury

Thank you for your e-mail. I am sorry I have not been able to write any sooner to confirm our recent telephone conversation.

The Commission is very disappointed that Birmingham City Council has failed to meet the commitment it made to us to call a public meeting to discuss the future of Highbury by the end of September. We have therefore advised the Council this week that we will be making our own arrangements to hold a meeting to consult interested parties about the future of the charity. This meeting will proceed unless the Council holds its own meeting before this date, with the Commission's involvement.

Once the meeting has been held, we will determine what further action the Commission needs to take to ensure the charity is being properly run and that its assets are being used for charitable purposes.

We would like to hold the meeting at Highbury to give us the opportunity to view the site and have asked the Council to confirm whether this is possible. If not, we will make arrangements for an alternative local venue. Thank you for offering your charity's premises as an alternative venue. I will contact you again if Highbury is not available for the meeting.

We had suggested Friday 6 November to the Council as a possible date for the meeting. I am still awaiting their response to this suggestion. I note that you have stated the interested parties you

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represent would prefer a meeting the following week and I will bear this in mind when discussing dates with the Council.

The Commission will be identifying interested parties from our correspondence on this case to invite to the meeting and will be contacting them in due course. For practical reasons, we will not invite every individual who made a representation on the Schemes but we will inform them all that a meeting is taking place.

I can confirm that I have no objection to you making other people aware of the action the Commission is now taking and providing copies of this letter. I will be in contact again as soon as we have confirmed the date for the meeting with the Council.

Yours sincerely

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