

10 December 2021

Helen Aldridge, Clark to Leek Wootton Parish Council clerk@leekwootton.org.uk

Dear Helen,

Subject: Sale of land at Leek Wootton

I am writing to update you on progress with the sale of unused land at the Leek Wootton Police Headquarters.

As you will be aware, the Leek Wootton site is included within the Warwick Local Plan for residential development. I have now concluded the sale of a portion of land not used for Police operations on the eastern side of the site to CALA Homes Midlands Region.

The sale of this land, which has historically not been used operationally by the force, means I can now fully invest in the remaining parts of the site that are being used for policing, while the public purse can benefit from the extra funding that has been realised through this sale. This will also enable the delivery of the new homes that the Local Plan allocation envisaged.

Woodcote House and its surrounding buildings have been home to the force for more than 70 years and I have been keen to secure its future for policing and the local community. Having re-established Leek Wootton as Warwickshire Police's headquarters following the end of the alliance with West Mercia Police, the last two years has seen a large number of services and supporting functions re-established on the site.

This sale of land will secure the continued use of the remaining portions of the site for policing and as the force headquarters for many years to come. The funding realised will also allow renovations to Woodcote House and other parts of the estate, ensuring they are fit-for-purpose and appropriately maintain the historic fabric of the building. The boost to the force budget will also help to pay for much-needed investment in modern IT systems and other capital expenditure items.

CALA Homes Midlands Region will now move forward through the planning processes with the aim of submitting a detailed planning application in 2022. I understand that they intend to consult widely with the local community and will be writing to stakeholders in the coming days.

I would also be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about the sale of the land in the meantime, or to come and address members at a council meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you wish to arrange a meeting or to speak to me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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