



UP HATHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Clerk – Kathryn Oakey, 15 Holmer Crescent, Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, GL51 3LR
Chair – Sarah Bamford, The Woodbines, Sunnyfield Lane, Up Hatherley

24th May 2024

Dear Sir / Madam

Property:

Land on the south west side of Caernarvon Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham (comprised within former freehold title number GR26672)

Company:

Federated Design and Building Group Ltd (formerly Federated Homes Limited) (Dissolved)

We write concerning an area of land shown edged red on the overleaf plan ("the Property"). This land was formerly owned by FEDERATED HOMES.

When the Company was dissolved, the Property passed as bona vacantia to the Treasury Solicitor who then disclaimed his interest with the consequence that the freehold estate in the property may now be deemed subject to escheat to the Crown under common law. We have recently been in correspondence with Burges Salmon LLP, the firm which acts for The Crown Estate in relation to such matters.

In accordance with long standing legal advice, The Crown Estate does not propose to take any action which might be construed as an act of management, ownership or possession with regard to this Property, since to do so may incur upon it liabilities with which the Property is or may become encumbered.

Notwithstanding the above, a sale of such interest as The Crown Estate may have in the Property to an appropriate person or body is not out of the question.

We have approached The Crown Estate with a view to acquiring the Property to be used as an open space for the enjoyment of all parishioners.

The Crown Estate has a policy of consultation before agreeing any disposal to uncover any objections and whether any neighbouring landowners may wish to participate in the purchase and has asked us to write to you as part of that consultation process.



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Please note that the site in question has to be sold as a whole lot and so individual purchase requests cannot be accepted. If successful in its bid, the Parish Council will keep the whole site as a public open space in accordance with the original intention of the site.

In the interests of good administration, we should be grateful to receive any comments within 6 weeks from date of this letter at the latest. If we have not heard from you by that date, we shall assume that you have no comments to make, nor any objections to the proposal. If that is the case, we should be grateful if you could sign and return a copy of this letter to the mail boxes at Morrisons, the Parish Post box at the Village Hall, to the Chair at Sunnyfield Lane, or the Clerk at Holmer Crescent.

Please note that any dealing of the freehold estate will not affect any rights currently existing over the Property.

Finally, so that we may become clearer about the nature of the Property, would you please let us know if you are aware of any development proposals, planning consents or disputes which might affect the Property, either directly or indirectly?

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Oakey

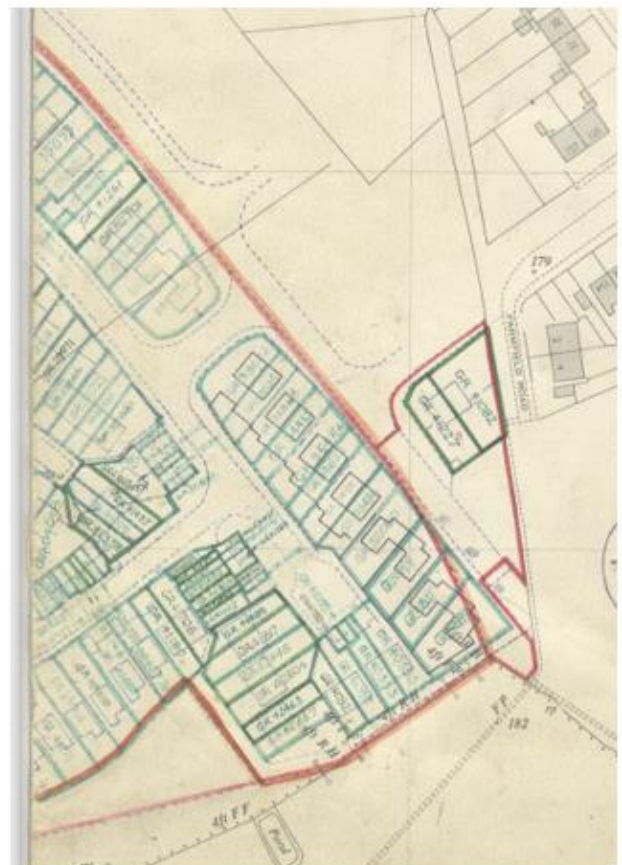
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I / We* [] of

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have considered the contents of a letter dated [24th May 2024] from [Up Hatherley Parish Council] and would / would not* like to participate in a purchase of the above property

I am / we* have no objections for such a purchase to be taken by [Up Hatherley Parish Council].

Signed

Dated

* delete as applicable