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Dear Kim

Please find attached a soft copy of my letter, dated 11 October 2019, the content of which is self-explanatory.

Please note that a hard copy has also been sent to you in the post.

Your sincerely

Councillor Tony Page

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**Deputy Leader & Lead Member for
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My Ref: tp/aw
Date: 11 October 2019

Dear Kim

RE: Vastern Road Area Redevelopment Sites - Planning Co-ordination Meeting

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Deputy Leader of Reading Borough Council.

Since the adoption of the Reading Station Area Framework (RSAF) in 2010, progress on various sites identified within the Framework has been steady as you will probably be aware. However we are now getting to a point where a number of very significant redevelopment sites north of the main railway line in Reading are becoming available and, as a result, planning and other officers are in negotiation with the various landowners and agents.

We are about to adopt the new Reading Borough Local Plan (scheduled for formal Adoption at the next meeting of Full Council on 4th November) and I and colleagues believe that now would be a good time to coordinate activity on these sites. It is essential that these developments are realised satisfactorily in terms of building massing, uses, sense of place, public realm, access, and other key issues that impact on the wider area.

With this in mind, the purpose of writing to you is to invite you to a round-table coordination meeting in late October / November, chaired by myself and attended by senior Council officers, at which I hope representatives of the three major redevelopment sites in the Vastern Road area will be present. I would hope that, at the meeting, certain development principles could be informally established with a view to pre-application and application schemes being delivered more smoothly in the best interests of the Borough and your client's aspirations.

I would offer the following options:

- **Wednesday, 23 October - 2.30pm**
- **Friday, 25 October - 2pm**
- **Tuesday, 5 November - 10am**
- **Tuesday, 19 November - 10am or 2pm**

I would be very grateful if you could advise on your availability on the above dates. The meeting will be held at the Reading Borough Council Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Page'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'P'.

Cllr Tony Page

Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport