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Dear Mr. Garside,

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REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER HM PRISON AND YOUNG OFFENDER INSTITUTION HOLLOWAY SITE

Thank you for your letter of 21 July about the future of the former HM Prison and Young Offender Institution Holloway site, in north London.

The former prison was decommissioned last summer and handed over to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for marketing and disposal. Proceeds from the site sale will contribute to the MoJ's prison reform programme which is intended to provide significant investment in modern, purpose-built prison facilities.

As with many other former prisons which we have closed, officials have been working closely with the local authority, in this case the London Borough of Islington, on proposals for its long-term use and the impact this will have on the sale potential. Following the decision to close the Holloway prison, the Council has prepared a draft Supporting Planning Document which we understand will be the subject of a public consultation to be launched in the near future. Again we understand that the current intention is that this will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document in the autumn of this year and will also inform the Council's updated local plan due to be adopted in 2019. We anticipate that redevelopment for a residential-led scheme is the most likely option.

In tandem with the Council's proposed public consultation on a supporting planning document for the site, we will be seeking expressions of interest for the site from interested parties ahead of formal marketing which we expect to take place in the autumn. MoJ officials will continue to work closely with the Council on the future of the site.

In your letter you asked for a meeting with the MoJ however having regard to the above I suggest that you liaise with London Borough of Islington and direct any representations or comments you may want to make to them as part of the consultation.

Yours sincerely

RT HON DAVID LIDINGTON CBE MP