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Dear Kim

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Alington Estate, Little Barford

Further to East West Rail's "Making Meaningful Connections" consultation document (31 March -9 June 2021) and our telephone conversation on Friday 30 April 2021. I write on behalf of the Executors of the late Nigel Alington to confirm the availability of additional land for consideration through the Bedford Borough Local Plan (BBLP) process.

The uncertainty created by four out of the five East West Rail consultation route options, in respect of their potential impact on the allocation of the Alington Estate's land at Little Barford as a growth location, has led to consideration of reserved/contingency land. Circa 112ha1 of land to the east of the East Coast Mainline railway, identified by blue shading on enclosed drawing 068-001-012, is available to supplement the settlement expansion of Little Barford.

The Executors are willing to explore with Bedford Borough Council (BBC) the mechanisms that would trigger the inclusion of the reserved/contingency land and the types of development, in addition to residential use, that would be acceptable to both the Executors and BBC.

If you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.

| Yours sincerely | | |
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¹ Less land required for the A428 improvement (between 19ha and 22ha)

