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Correspondence with the University of Buckingham

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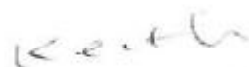
Dear Terence

Thank you for your letter of 22 January and for visiting us yesterday to talk about your ideas. As I stated in our meeting, I am a supporter of higher education across all its dimensions of activity and in its many different guises and missions, and I wish you every success in exploring your vision for a new form of HE in the UK. You acknowledged that it is of course, early days in your considerations, and it would be a matter of speculation as to whether you will make a formal approach about Wye in the future.

As we discussed, we are satisfied that, regrettably, there are no academic activities which fit with the College's mission as a public university that we should be undertaking at Wye – regrettably, because we have expended some £30m at Wye supporting academic activities over the last decade. As difficult as this message is for some to hear, it has been signalled by us very clearly over the past four years. We are, however, determined to find appropriate and sustainable uses for all our assets at Wye and we have had some success already, through the efforts of the College Fund Executive, in achieving this. The main campus at Wye falls into this category of asset. As you know, we have sought extensively to find an academic use for this campus outside Imperial College; now through Savills, we will continue to search for a long-term sustainable use for it.

For the College it is vitally important that we do not raise expectations inappropriately, and that we treat all approaches to us fairly and equitably. We do not think that these aims can be achieved if the approaches made to us are conducted in the spotlight of the media glare. Therefore, should your thinking develop to the point that you wish to make a formal approach to us, I recommend that you establish contact with our agents via Andrew Highwood at Savills (I append his contact details). Once again, I wish you all success in the next phase of the development of your plans.

Kind regards



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Dear Dr Kealey

I was sent a copy of Sir Keith O'Nions letter to you dated 24th February as that letter invited you to contact me should your thinking develop to the point that you wish to make a formal approach to Imperial College.

I have just seen your letter dated 7th May and addressed to Carol Ridings at Ashford Borough Council. In that letter you stated that you "*are serious about using the site for educational purposes*" but I have not heard anything from you at all.

Please would you provide full details of your proposal now. As part of that submission please would you indicate what resources are available to implement this proposal. These details are required straight away in order for us to be able to consider them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Highwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

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Director