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Dear Mr xxx,

RUSSELL COURT CAR PARKING.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the consultation we held with residents on Thursday 30th June 2011. The event was extremely useful for us to ascertain the problems you are encountering and to gain your views of how we could utilise the limited space available to alleviate the problem.

As previously discussed, Officers from Halton Housing Trust and Halton Borough Council are working in partnership in an attempt to resolve the car parking problems and have agreed to joint funding of the following proposals, which, we hope you will accept as being the most appropriate solution.

Grass verge on the left side of the car park: Bollards to be installed along the grass verge to prevent vehicles churning up the grass and damaging the man hole at the end of the verge and the double yellow lines to be extended from Farnworth Street along the kerb line.

Grass area to the front of 1 and 2 Russell Court: To utilise some of this to make provision for the parking of two vehicles. This particular land is owned by the Trust and does not form part of the highway. Therefore, parking can be designated as "Residents Parking Only". This work will also involve relocating the existing street lamp.

Grass area to the front of 9 – 12 Russell Court: To utilise the grass area to the left side of the existing residents' only parking sign to make provision for the parking of three vehicles. This land currently forms part of the highway and will continue to do so when the work is completed. Therefore, these will be marked as designated "Disabled Parking Bays" to restrict parking and vehicles that are parked and not displaying a blue badge, will be subject to enforcement action being taken by the Police.

Grass area to the front of 13 – 14 Russell Court: Bollards to be installed to prevent vehicles from parking on the grass verge.

Existing Disabled Parking Space: There is no intention to move this and it will remain in its current location.

We have also considered the feasibility of utilising some of the communal drying area that is used by residents of the main block of flats (17-24 Russell Court), by removing the existing concrete fencing and relocating approximately 12ft inwards. This would have created four longitudinal spaces along the fence line. However, the cost of doing this is significantly excessive and would erode a substantial amount of the budget provision that we have available. Therefore, it is not our intention pursue this as part of the current joint funding initiative.

A land plan identifying the proposals as detailed above is enclosed for your perusal.

On behalf of Halton Housing Trust and Halton Borough Council, I would like to thank you for your patience in allowing us the time to reach what we feel is the best solution possible to alleviate the parking problems that you are encountering. It has not an easy task in reaching an agreement given the limited amount of money available to us and the complex ownership of the land for disposal.

It is our intention to commission the work as soon as possible, however, if you have any bona-fide concerns or objections to the above proposals, would you please let me have them in writing before (date to be ten days from letter date)

Yours sincerely

Charles Woska
Assistant Area Manager - Widnes