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Mr Phil Wilson,  
Service Delivery Manager - Learning & Skills,  
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Dear Mr Wilson,

**Re Worthen , Hope and Westbury Federation**

Firstly, I apologise for the delay in writing to you formally, but we have been awaiting advice from various bodies, which has still not been fully gathered, or considered.

Further to our previous discussions, relating to the proceeds of sale of both Hope C/E (VC) Primary and St Mary's C/E (VC) Primary Westbury schools, I am writing to confirm that, in principle, the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) will allow the proceeds of the sale of the these two sites to applied to the remodelling and refurbishment of the Worthen C/E School site.

However, this is subject to certain restriction and statutory obligations, which I will outline to you now:

**Westbury**

An application for an section 554 order will be made to the DfE. The order would provide 3/14<sup>th</sup> of the value to be placed into a 'religious education fund' to be administered locally. The remaining 11/14<sup>th</sup> would be vested in the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and held within the Uniform Statutory Trust (UST).

Without the section 554 order, the schools buildings, and any assets arising from the disposal of such, could not be used to service a completely different C/E school.

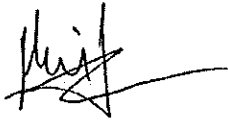
**Hope**

The trustee for this school building is the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF). Accordingly, any proceeds resulting for the sale of this site will be vested in the DBF UST. These funds can be made available to support other Church of England schools in the diocese. But would be earmarked for the Worthen project .

**NB** In both cases the proceeds will be subject to the deduction of related legal costs, agents fees and disbursements.

I trust that this will be sufficient information at this time. Please be assured that we will continue to work with you, the LA, Governors of the school to bring things to a satisfactory conclusion. Which will ultimately enhance the educational provision for children living in that area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip J G Sell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Philip J G Sell  
Diocesan Director of Education