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Dear Philip,

Cantley Ltd – Recreation Ground and Allotment leases

Further to our meeting on Friday last I think it important to understand Cantley's position regarding the leases to Bridge Parish Council. When I met you I confirmed that I had yet to sort out the existing allotment lease but that there was no problem with me doing that.

The situation regarding the recreation ground lease is that the parish council has a 50 year lease which comes to an end on 25 June 2023 and that my current instructions are that it is premature to renew this lease now six years before its end date. My letter dated 24 June 2013 addressed to the former clerk sets out Cantley's position quite clearly.

There have been discussions about an enlarged allotment area to include land to plant a Community Orchard and I stated at an earlier meeting that this could be part of a contribution by Cantley Ltd to the community as a result of receipt of residential planning approval.

I have recently heard references to Cantley "blackmailing" the community. In all of the time that I have been involved with the management of Cantley's land in Kent there have always been discussions and opportunities most of which have been agreed and implemented. I personally think that it is very unlikely that the lease of the recreation ground will not be renewed at the end of the current term but in the current climate I could not advise my clients to renew the lease now.

I trust this helps clarify the position.

Yours sincerely,

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