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Dear Geoff

DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS: GLOSSOPDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TALBOT ROAD, GLOSSOPDALE, DERBYSHIRE, SK13 7DR

I refer to the application by Derbyshire County Council for the Secretary of State's consent to dispose of playing field at Glossopdale Community College.

I am writing to inform you that the Secretary of State for Education has determined, in exercise of her powers under section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, to consent to the disposal of land as detailed in the council's application.

The Secretary of State expects any net sale proceeds arising from the disposal of school playing fields to be used towards specific projects to improve, or enhance, sports or educational facilities at schools. The Secretary of State's consent is given, therefore, on the understanding that the proceeds from the sale of the land will be used for the purposes identified in the council's application.

If the council subsequently decides not to proceed with the disposal of the land, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Jude Le Roi