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Tuesday 15 January 2019

Dear Mr MacLeod

**Ref. Phoenix Business Park, Brickfield Road, Tyseley, Birmingham**  
**Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order**

As you are aware Euro Packaging is both a very successful company and a major employer within the Tyseley area. In March 2017 we wrote to you regarding our pressing need to expand and requested that the City Council use its compulsory purchase powers to facilitate this expansion. As a result I was delighted when the City Council's Cabinet, at its meeting on 24 May 2018, approved the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the long leasehold interest of land at Phoenix Business Park in order to consolidate and expand our business operations.

Since that date we have made significant progress in advancing our proposals for the site as well as putting in place matters to both support the CPO and deliver our proposals on the site.

- As you will be aware we have advanced proposals for the site and on 19 July 2018 secured outline planning permission for the site.
- Following planning approval we have taken steps to deliver our development and have gone out to tender to appoint a construction partner. This proposed appointment will be confirmed and contracts signed once the land which is the subject of the CPO is acquired (either through negotiation or through the CPO process).
- The voluntary acquisition of the site is our favoured approach (as you are aware we felt that we had reached agreement in the past). In this regard my advisors and I are prepared to meet the lessees of the site to discuss terms at any time that is suitable for them. I did email Vicky Brewster on 7 December to reiterate this, concluding that I 'would welcome a constructive meeting between all parties with a view to resolving this in a friendly and amicable manner'.
- Importantly the necessary finance and resources are also in place to deliver the development costs of the proposal and as a company we are committed to it.
- On 9 November 2019 the Indemnity Agreement between the City Council and Euro Packaging was completed.

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The proposals will result in the expansion of an important local business and the creation of up to 302 new jobs, bringing total employment on the site to 782. Jobs which would (and do) provide employment for local people in an area of the City which suffers from high unemployment. As you can see from the update above, both the company and myself personally are committed to the development and the expansion of the business in Tyseley. We have taken matters as far as we can and the only matter preventing the development coming forward is the acquisition of the site. For this reason I thank you for the City Council's ongoing support and would ask that the City Council now make the Order.

Finally you are aware Euro Packaging continues to have ongoing and significant concerns regarding the very poor condition of the site and in this regard I have continued to deal with both the Environment Agency and your Planning Enforcement section.

I look forward to your response and will continue to meet your officers to progress matters.

Yours sincerely



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Shareholder