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RE: Bellfield House Planning Application

Dear Mr Rivet,

I am writing to you concerning our planning application for Bellfield House. I understand that you weren't clear that the centre we are planning to open is a replacement for the drug treatment centre at Deansgate and not in addition to it. Can I confirm that we are replacing Lancaster Care Foundation Trust as the provider of drug treatment services and that we want to open a new centre which we consider is more fit for purpose and in a better location than the current service at Deansgate. I would reiterate that the majority of needle exchange will take place in local pharmacies, Bellfield House will primarily be used for those in treatment, making changes and stable.

Can I also clarify that the size of the building does not reflect an intention to work with large numbers of people. We will have a separate drug treatment delivery base for Lancaster in central Lancaster. We will however be basing all of our staff in Morecambe, in terms of their office accommodation which should bring economic benefits to the area in terms of local trade.



If you could clarify your concerns about the flat upstairs we will endeavour to address these directly in our plans.



Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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