

Mr. B. Vollar  
Chair  
Friends of Snibston

Date: 24th September 2014  
My ref: LH/ADCOR/154/JH  
Your ref:  
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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Mr. Vollar,

**RE: SNIBSTON DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

I refer to our previous exchange of e-mails in relation to the business cases submitted by the Friends of Snibston and Mr. Suleman. As indicated, the proposals that you have submitted were referred to the Cabinet of the County Council on 19th September. The Cabinet resolved unanimously;

- a. to note the receipt of your business plan;
- b. to endorse the recommendation of officers that the County Council should consider whether these should be treated as an Expression of Interest under the Localism Act; and
- c. to authorise officers of the Council to undertake an assessment of the business plans that have been submitted with a view to the outcome of that exercise being reported back to Cabinet in December.

I will forward a copy of the full minute when available.

At this stage, the County Council has considered the business case submitted and against the Localism Act provisions and in particular whether the proposal which you have submitted is a valid Expression of Interest under the Community Right to Challenge (Expression of Interest and Excluded Services) Regulations 2012/1313.

The County Council does not believe, on the basis of information that you have provided to date, that the submission you have made amounts to a valid Expression of Interest because some of the information that is required is omitted including information in relation to the financial resources of the Friends of Snibston and/or the Derby Museum Trust.

Notwithstanding the above, the County Council remains willing to engage constructively with the Friends of Snibston to

- review and assess the proposal that has been submitted;
- to advise you what additional information will be required to make your proposal a valid expression of interest;
- to advise you what sort of information the council will require to consider whether the Friends of Snibston are capable of providing the service within the meaning of the Localism Act 2011.

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My colleagues Brian Roberts, Director of Corporate Resources and Transportation and Mick Connell, Director of Adults & Communities will make contact with you in order to implement the Cabinet decisions and explore further the areas identified above. Officers will also make contact with Mr. Suleman to explore the position in relation to the plans submitted by the Derby Museum Trust and how this interrelates with the Friends of Snibston's proposals. It is intended that this exercise commence as soon as possible as there is a requirement to report back to Cabinet in December 2014.

I hope that the above sets out the Council's position but please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Lauren Haslam  
for County Solicitor