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*Dave Emmerson*

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*Dear Dave,*

*RE: Transfer of Land, Shaw Bank*

*Since our meeting at BSB's offices earlier this week an update meeting was held at Teesdale District Council to acquaint all partners with the latest position. The transfer of land from DCC to TCR was one of the items discussed. During the discussion we were informed about forthcoming legislation that may impact on the progress of the Planning Application if the Application has not been determined before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. As I understand the Guidance Note, it provides for an automatic call-in of an Application by the Government Office where the applicant is a local authority that has an interest by way of ownership as lessee or lessor of the land that is the subject of the Application. What this means is that should TDC be unable to determine the Application by that date then GONE will call-in the Application and that process will prolong the timescale for determination because there will need to be a further period of Statutory Consultation.*

*In the circumstances it would seem simpler and swifter and more advantageous if DCC were to transfer the title of the land to TCR rather than creating a long lease. I hope this information is helpful and assist you in making your report to the Cabinet and in impressing on them the urgency of their decision in order to meet the stringent timetable required by the Lottery. There is a risk that we could lose the entire project if we are unable to progress each step in this delicate chain as expeditiously as possible.*

*Once again, Dave, I would like to thank you and the team most sincerely for the practical help and support you are giving to us through this exciting project,*

*Sincerely,*

*Phil Hughes*

*Chairman, TCR*