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Dear Dr Royston

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257
Proposed Stopping up of Footpaths at Belle Vue, Consett**

I am considering a proposal under the provisions of Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to stop up footpaths at the above-mentioned location, as shown on the enclosed plan.

The stopping up is required to enable the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of new leisure and educational facilities, in accordance with outline planning permission granted on 23 December 2009.

Although there are no recorded public rights of way on the site it is recognised that rights may exist. It is intended that following the development a network of public footpaths will be formally provided around the site, and the second plan gives an indication of these routes for your information. The provision and location of these routes is not part of this consultation, but will be the subject of a detailed planning application, public consultation and a separate legal process in due course.

If you need further information on the development at Belle Vue you can contact Yvonne Edwards (0191 370 8856 - yvonne.edwards@durham.gov.uk) or David Theobald (david.theobald@durham.gov.uk).

I would be pleased to receive any comments or objections you may wish to offer, within 30 days of the date of this letter. If there are no objections, the application may be determined by the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Economic Development, and if there are objections, it will be determined by the Highways Committee. If you need more time to consider the matter please let me know.

Please note that if you do make representations, then by virtue of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the County Council may make them available for public inspection. Additionally they may also be disclosable under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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