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Your Ref: v/2024/0063
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Dear Daniel

**Affordable Housing Development – Hardwick Lane, Sutton in Ashfield
Planning condition 13 of application V/2024/0063**

I write regarding above-named development and to set out our proposal in respect of the following planning condition

- No part of the development hereby permitted shall be brought into use unless or until the details of a scheme for provision of free bus passes to residents of the development upon occupation are submitted and approved by the local planning authority.

Officers have liaised with Nottinghamshire County Council, who help administer a public transport scheme for new housing developments in the County (<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/public-transport/apply-free-travel-pass>).

Having enquired, the development at Hardwick Lane cannot be included in the scheme but we can seek to adopt and apply some of the same principles.

We are keen to ensure that the use of public transport is promoted and that we help in facilitating this for new residents. For those who can be encouraged to travel to work, college or to access services via public transport instead of by car, our proposal is to offer them one free bus pass per household for a six month period. We would discuss specific needs to ensure the bus pass purchased is appropriate.

It is important that we are supporting new tenants who intend to use public transport. If the tenant does not use public transport and has no intention to use it on a regular basis, our recommendation is that we do not provide them with a bus pass as this is not an effective use of Council resources. This will be determined through a conversation with the prospective tenant at the point of offer.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your support for our proposal. Please contact me if you wish to discuss the matter further,

Your sincerely

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