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Re: Proposed Educate Together School – Rochestown/Douglas County Cork

Dear Mr O'Regan,

I refer to your recent correspondence to Mr Hubert Loftus, Assistant Secretary regarding the Notice of Motion discussed at the March meeting of the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District:

“That update on site for Educate Together school in Rochestown would be provided.”

I am pleased to provide an update hereunder as requested, on Mr Loftus's behalf.

Officials in this Department worked closely with officials in Cork County Council under the Memorandum of Understanding for the acquisition of school sites in respect of the school in question. With the assistance of Council officials, a site on which a Specific Development Objective for a primary school was in place was identified and agreement in principle with the landowner was reached. The site in question is at Carr's Hill, on the Old Carrigaline Road.

I am aware that recent media reports have suggested that the deal to acquire this site has fallen through: this is incorrect. The conveyancing process in respect of this proposed acquisition is currently underway and all parties are working with a view to the property transferring into the Minister's ownership at the earliest possible date. In the interim, preliminary design work in respect of the school building project has commenced and a pre-planning meeting between Department representatives and Council officials has taken place.

I wish to assure the Council that the Department is committed to delivering permanent accommodation for the school as soon as possible and to convey the Department's appreciation for the Council's support of the project.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Cregg
Principal Officer