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Dear Globe Member

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RE: Proposed Disposal of 'Playing Fields'

Please find attached a copy of the press notice dated 22nd September 2008 and plan.

Within the wider context of proposals which include selling the playing field and the whole of the junior school site of Park Lane Primary School (land outlined blue on the attached plan) to part fund a replacement community facility and school buildings on The Laurels site in Tilehurst, Reading Borough Council is proposing the disposal of the sports pitch at Downing Road, and hard play area at Park Lane Junior School site.

Because of central government regulations on the disposal of school playing fields, it is necessary for Reading Borough Council to seek approval from the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families to the sale of areas of "land in the open air which is provided for the purposes of physical education or recreation" and as such includes these two sites (outlined in red on the attached plan).

Before applying for consent to the disposal, we are required to consult various parties about the "playing field" areas (outlined in red line on the attached plan). The purpose of this letter is, therefore, to ask whether you have any comments on the proposed disposal. If so please respond to me in writing by 5pm on Monday 8th December 2008. If you have any queries about this please call or e-mail me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Vicky Watsham

For and on behalf of Reading Borough Council