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Ms Catherine Henderson  
Regional Director  
Western Metropolitan Region  
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Level 4  
369 Royal Parade  
PARKVILLE VIC 3052

Dear Ms Henderson,

RE: FUTURE USE OF THE SUNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

Council and the Brimbank community have recently become aware of the State Government's proposal to close the Sunvale Primary School as part of the Sunshine East Regeneration of the Victorian Schools Plan.

Council understands that the school will continue to operate until the end of the 2009 school year and that commencing in June 2009 a process will begin to determine the future use of the site. Council wishes to express an interest in being involved in this process as the site is of considerable strategic interest.

Council has undertaken consultation in the area around the school site as part of the process of developing the Brimbank Community Plan and the Brimbank Open Space and Playground Policy and Plan. From these consultations (and analysis of other data) Council has identified that residential development and open space are the preferred uses for the site after the school has closed.

The form of residential development and the size of the area dedicated to open space are open to negotiation, however, Council's preference is that there be a minimum of 0.8 hectare of open space and that a significant portion of any future residential development is allocated for affordable housing.

Council looks forward to working with the Department of Education to develop future uses for the site that are complementary to existing Council plans and are of benefit to the wider Brimbank community.

For inquiries regarding Council's involvement in the future use of the Sunvale site please contact Raymond Martin, Council's Infrastructure Development Coordinator on 9249 4402 or by e-mail to raym@brimbank.vic.gov.au.

Your earliest possible response to this letter would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Foa  
Chief Executive Officer  
Regards