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**Diocesan Secretary**

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Ian Hope  
Chair, Wellesbourne Allotment Association  
*By email*

Dear Ian,

Further to our previous e-mail correspondence I have attached below the decision of the Glebe Committee, made yesterday 30th January 2018, regarding next steps with regard to the proposed disposal of land owned by the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finances in Wellesbourne which is currently used as allotments.

***The Glebe Committee met this afternoon, 30th January 2018, and considered all the issues raised by interested parties arising from the consultation on the possible disposal of land owned by the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance, on Kineton Road, Wellesbourne (Wellesbourne Allotments). After a thorough discussion the committee agreed to continue to look at ways to address the allotment holders concerns, against the background of the responsibilities of the Glebe Committee to effectively manage the asset of the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance. One possible option may involve the Allotment Association remaining, with increased security, on a single site which would include the majority of their existing site. This and other possible options will be explored further with representatives of the Allotment Association in the coming weeks.***

As you will see the Glebe Committee members were very sympathetic to the allotments holders' wishes to retain some of the very special elements that make up the allotments and the community they support in Wellesbourne. The Glebe Committee were particularly struck by the community work on the site and the sense of community amongst allotment holders.

As the statement mentions the committee have asked that I arrange a further meeting with the relevant members of the allotment association to discuss how we can move forward together in a way that both recognises the responsibility of the Glebe Committee to effectively manage its assets, but also enables the allotment gardening to continue on a single site in Wellesbourne, the majority of which could include the majority of the existing site. The Glebe Committee also felt that it might be helpful in such discussions if you were to consider whether in such an arrangement the association would like greater security of tenure than at present and how this might be achieved.

In order to move forward therefore I would appreciate it if you could indicate whether any of the possible dates would be suitable for us to meet:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – between 9.30am and 2pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – between 10am and 12.30pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – between 9am and 1.30pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – evening.

Please would you contact my PA Helen Jones to confirm a mutually convenient time and date.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Marlow".

Ruth Marlow  
**Diocesan Secretary**