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Thank you for your letter to Sir Terry of 8 September. Sir Terry has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I am sorry that you did not receive a formal response to your June letter, although I know that the team has been in touch with you and your office.

I can assure you that we remain fully committed to our regeneration project in Linwood and look forward to bringing the scheme forward. We hope that our contractors will be able to start clearing and preparing the site later this year.

Progress with the scheme has been delayed by both the discovery of a crypt on the site and detailed negotiations with the various end users. I am however pleased to say that we have made progress on both fronts.

Legal approval has now been secured to move the crypt, and subject to final discussions with the family and Renfrewshire Council this will happen early next month.

Likewise we have also been in discussion with the police and the NHS. Rather than building a new health centre, we hope soon to reach an agreement with the NHS to enable them substantially to refurbish their existing premises. Meanwhile the police have told us that they no longer require their unit.

Subject to these discussions we hope to submit our amended plans to the council next month. These will include a new Tesco store, as well as a new community centre, additional retail units, a library and office space.

We would then hope to start the main building works by Easter next year, with a view to the store opening the following spring, although again this is of course subject to securing necessary planning approvals.

I know that my colleagues are seeking a meeting with you to discuss our plans in more detail. If however you require anything further, please do let me know.

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