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Subject: Bexley College Planning Application

Dear Mr Stone

Town and Country Planning Acts - Walnut Tree Depot Site Stonewood Road Erith

I note that the planning application is now in for the construction of a three-storey college building with provision of a new pedestrian link, access, car parking and landscaping.

At a recent meeting of Erith Town Forum, all present were very pleased to offer full support for this development, considering it to be of much benefit to the Erith community, both in terms of use of land and provision of educational service and business opportunities. The one reservation held by some members of the Forum was the possibility of college students, lecturers and visitors using parking spaces owned privately by the residents of the tower blocks on Saltford Close. I was asked to pass on this concern and ask that some control order be added to mitigate against this problem e.g. restricted parking zone or similar

Secondly, since the College building will be fully accessible to all and also comes with very green travel credentials, Erith Forum consider it essential that provision of disabled access to both platforms at Erith Station should be undertaken using planning gain funds from this project.

We can think of no better use for these funds within Erith, particularly since Erith Station was not included in the recent allocation of funds for disabled access, despite being the only Bexley station without any disabled access at all for the London bound platform.

We look forward to being kept informed of the progress of this application through the planning process.

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Yours sincerely

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