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Dear HUST Board

Thank you for your letter of 23 March and please accept my apologies for taking some time in getting back to you. We have been working on finalising our plans for the Hartlepool MDC area and I wanted to reply to you with the most accurate information.

1. Victoria Park will not be on the list of assets that will be transferred to the MDC.
2. The freehold for Victoria Park will remain with the Council, the current arrangements will continue, meaning that Victoria Park will be listed as an Asset of Community Value.
3. Yes, the MDC will take ownership of a section of land behind the Neale Cooper and plans are being drawn up to redevelop this area. However, this work has not concluded, and no decision has yet been taken as to what projects will be taken forward to the board.
4. Though none of our redevelopment plans will have an impact on the operations of the football club, I am happy to keep the HUST Board informed of plans for the surrounding land, as and when they are taken forward.

As you mention in your letter, Hartlepool United will always be part of my family, and I want to see the club remain at the heart of the community.

I am happy to confirm that all projects that we take forward in the town will have the future success of the football club as a community asset at their heart.

Yours sincerely



Ben Houchen
Tees Valley Mayor