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Mr Donald Clarke
Convenor
Denmark Education and Innovation Committee

Dear Donald,

As you are aware Denmark High school is about to undergo a new phase in its development with \$7 million of buildings being constructed over the next 18 months.

As part of a Department of Education review of the property, the impact on the new buildings, and the prospect of even more building in the future, the Department has analysed the use of the building referred to as the Centre for Sustainable Living and currently occupied by Greenskills. The Denmark Education Innovation Committee does not have a current lease. Therefore the occupation by Greenskills of the building referred to as the Centre for Sustainable Living is classified as a tenant at will. Resultant from this analysis, it is clear the Department, to enable the effective delivery of educational outcomes for the local community, will require the ongoing use of the building.

It is my understanding Greenskills wish to have a new lease agreed to for the buildings they currently occupy. I believe it is desirable to be up front with this current information rather than people putting time and effort into something that is not achievable. I also realise this decision will impact greatly on Greenskills current planning and would like to provide Greenskills with sufficient time to find alternative accommodation. The date I have been given for the end of occupation of the buildings known as the Centre for Sustainable Living and currently occupied by Greenskills is the 30 June 2012.

During the school building phase classes will need to be held in the dormitory wing while refurbishments are carried out in the Science block. I have been told that all of the classrooms and staff facilities will need to be vacated at the same time and this could be for a period of up to seven months. You would also be aware that the school is operating with 7 demountable classrooms and has even further long term needs for accommodation.

This decision has been made to ensure the long term needs of the school which are to provide delivery of quality educational outcomes to the community, and, whilst it will disappoint our much valued colleagues at Greenskills it is one that will enable the Denmark Senior High School to deliver those outcomes into the future.

I am happy to meet you and representatives from Greenskills if further clarification is required, and, arrange for the Principal Consultant – Property, Strategic Asset Planning to be in attendance.

Yours truly,

Diane Cole
Principal
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