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Dear John,

Re: Maidstone East Development Site

Thank you for meeting Phil and I last week regarding the 'Maidstone East' Development Site. I am writing on behalf of Lidl UK to confirm our interest in the site.

We would be interested in working with Kent and Maidstone Councils to bring together a scheme that can work commercially for Lidl and also for the Council. We have been looking for locations for new and replacement stores in Maidstone for a number of years, most recently employing an agent to act on our behalf. We believe that this site holds the most potential for Lidl in the town centre area.

Lidl have rejected Baltic Wharf on the basis of format, Lidl have a specific requirements which cannot be accommodated on this site. In addition the location does not provide enough prominence for a retail

Yours sincerely,

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