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Dear Madam

First of all on behalf of Cllr Alan Jeffels and myself, may I thank Charlotte for a courteous and informative meeting this afternoon.

Our discussion covered the sites highlighted on the recent forward plan for Staxton and Willerby.

Of particular interest was site 480, east of Mayfield Villas Staxton. Though this field has in the past revealed much of historical and archaeological interest. This has centred around the immediate vicinity of the farm house and buildings, and extended across what is now the route of the A64 and into the present Spring Willows Caravan Park.

Small fragments of pottery were located for about 50 yards along a small gully (still visible) leading west into the field.

In 1938 I was one of 4 boys that assisted T C M Brewster a local archaeologist, digging several investigative trenches over the field including on the site 480 indicated on the plan supplied, but nothing was revealed.

Again in June of 1988, a team of students from York University, carried an out an extensive search of that same half of the field, again revealing nothing.

If development has to take place in Staxton, site 480 for many residents would be the most favoured. There is sufficient space for vehicles to enter and leave the site onto the village street before accessing the A64.

This afternoon Cllr Jeffels and myself, measured a total of 39 feet from the drive into 1 Mayfield Villas and the curve of the street, still several yards short of the A64, providing ample room for access to the site.

In places our village street is only 17 feet wide, and at times does become very congested, plus past experience indicates that many new residents are inclined to use the village only as a dormitory.

As the village does expand, it is only natural that we shall be expected to develop further our facilities in the playing field. I was pleased to be informed that site 177 is now deemed to be a low priority. For that we a grateful, as we may at some time be given an opportunity to then fulfil our obligations to the residents.

Yours Sincerely

Edwin Cooper.