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STATEMENT BY GAUFRON DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING POTENTIAL SCHOOL AND SUPERMARKET DEVELOPMENT IN HAY ON WYE.

Gaufron Developments is a Joint Venture between, Kensington & Edinburgh Estates, part of the Pickstock Group, and PAR Homes. The Development Vehicle has been set up to promote development and regeneration projects in Wales that focus on market towns and opportunities for community benefit.

The company has control of land required to enable the development of a new school, youth and community facility, care home and re-configured Doctor's Surgery. This land lies to the front of land currently owned by Hay & District Sports & Community Association Ltd and would be transferred to Powys County Council subject to satisfactory planning consents being secured. As a result of Gaufron's land interest Powys County Council has been able to discuss a development agreement with the company based on the provision of a new school and other facilities at no cost to the tax payer. This is standard and common practice. It is only the Estates and Education function of the Council that has been involved and such an arrangement in no way constrains the planning function of Brecon Beacons National Park's authority

Subject to the finalisation of legal documentation, Gaufron hope to bring forward proposals for thorough public consultation in the near future. The company is committed to working with the grain of the town to deliver a proposal which local people welcome and which is seen as a positive and attractive addition to the town. The company's consultation will include a two day public exhibition of the plans and presentations to interested parties and local groups within Hay to ensure an informed debate takes place. These consultations will provide the opportunity for local people to have their say on any future development.

At the moment no detailed plans exist for either the Town Centre scheme or the re-location school proposal. No supermarket operator has been selected. No planning application has been submitted, or will be, until we have undertaken a full consultation with the Town's people. "

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