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*St. John's College  
own land on other side of  
the river.*

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Dear Mr St John

**A415 Newbridge River Thames Crossing**

I refer to you letter dated 27 June 2007 to our consultants Jacobs and their reply to you dated 5 July 2007.

This scheme seeks to remove traffic from the existing bridge which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Whilst we are investigating the strength of this bridge we understand that the strengthening opportunities will be very limited and will not provide a long term solution for the A415.

The development of an alternative river crossing is essential but in an early stage of development. We have just completed the initial desktop study of possible route corridors to help us decide which corridors to develop into options for public consultation. In this case one corridor has emerged as most acceptable to take onto the next stage. This corridor does affect Lot 6 but advanced land purchase cannot be considered until the County Council has formally approved a route option to progress.

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**Richard Dudding**  
Director for Environment & Economy

**Steve Howell**  
Head of Transport

We are currently putting proposals together to seek formal approval for this single corridor. The meeting at which formal approval will be given will not be until 6 September 2007. I hope that it will be possible to delay the sale until this time when we would like to consider purchasing this land. Failing this I feel it is important that you and any potential purchasers are made aware of the current position regarding highway improvements in the area.

If you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Steve Howell  
Head of Transport

cc Richard Allnutt - Jacobs  
JHa, NM

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