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Dear Adrian Hearle

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 16 June 2018 by email.

You requested:

Please could you send me any communication between Department for Education and its Partnership for Schools division with the Durand Academy group of interrelated entities including London Horizons, Durand Education Trust and Durand Foundation School that concerns the purchase of the St Cuthmans site in Stedham, West Sussex between the period November 2009 and November 2010. In particular, any communication that expresses support or otherwise by the DfE of the purchase of the site by Durand Education Trust in June 2010 including any knowledge of the 1st April 2010 sale agreement between Alderley Land and London Horizons Limited that conditioned the purchase.

It is in the public interest to know what, if any, assurances were given that the Government of the day or the Opposition would support the purchase of the site without carrying out the necessary due diligence ahead of approval of the business case for what turned out to be a deeply flawed and subsequently failed project for a free state boarding school.

Your request is being dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind regards,

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