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Dear Sarah,

Please find attached letter & map from the President of Maynooth University, Professor Eeva Leinonen.

Please note that we have requested in the letter that we do not wish for the section of the letter under the heading 'Write off costs' to be published as it could potentially compromise any future legal proceedings we may initiate in this area.

Best regards,

Bernie

Ms Bernie Dunne

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Dear President,

Please see enclosed request from the Committee of Public Accounts.

The Committee requests that this information be forwarded within ten working days.

Please let me know if you are not in a position to respond in this timeframe.

Kind regards,

Sarah

Sarah Cremin

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30th March 2023

Ms. Sarah Cremin
Committee Secretariat,
Committee of Public Accounts.

Dear Ms. Cremin,

I refer to your recent correspondence on behalf of the Public Accounts Committee, requesting information on the €7.493m expenditure by Maynooth University on student facilities that was met by student levy funding. The Committee requested details of the following:

1. The land for student facilities including its location and the size of the site.
2. Commuting facilities including a bus terminal and car parking.
3. Enabling infrastructure.
4. The sports infrastructure that was developed and the scale of that infrastructure.
5. Further details on the €1.6m to be written off against this project.

Information on each of these queries is outlined below.

Given the fact that the University is currently considering the potential for legal action to recover costs associated with the termination of the construction contract, I would ask that the material in this letter under the heading 'Write off costs' is not published by the Committee as this material could prejudice any future legal action initiated by the University.

Land purchase (€4m from student levy)

Maynooth University purchased 24 acres of land immediately adjacent to the University campus as indicated in the attached map. The purchase price of the land was €6m, of which €4m was funded from the student levy. The balance of €2m was met by exchequer funding.

Commuting Facilities (€1m from student levy)

The commuting facilities are located on part of the land that was purchased. This facility includes 342 car parking spaces, and a campus bus terminus comprising of 6 bus stops and 10 bus lay over spaces. This facility supports our significant community of commuting students and greatly enhances the student commuter experience by having all the bus services to and from the campus located in the one location adjacent

to the Phoenix restaurant. The location is also adjacent to the MU Sports Centre and outdoor pitches to support sports events and visiting teams travelling by coach.

The overall construction cost of this facility is €2.96m to which the student levy contributed €1m. The balance of the cost was met by the University from its own resources. The car park was opened in January 2023 and the bus terminus became operational from March 2023.

Enabling infrastructure (€1.425m from student levy)

The enabling infrastructure comprised three elements.

- The developments on the campus ring road (€792k)

These works included modifications to the existing road layout in the University to facilitate two-way traffic and enable access to and from the new car park and bus terminus, from either the Kilcock road roundabout or the Moyglare road entrances to the campus.

- Diverting and undergrounding of electrical transmission lines (€246k)

The land purchased by the University had been in use as farmland and had an overhead electrical transmission line running through it. The works undertaken involved the diverting and undergrounding of these overhead electricity cables to make the land suitable for development. This work was necessary as enabling works for both the commuting facilities (above) and the MU Student Centre project (construction contract terminated).

- Social Space Furniture (€387k)

This involved the purchase of furniture for student social spaces in various buildings across the campus to provide additional break out areas. It also involved the provision of additional power sockets for students to plug in their devices close to the social spaces. In total, some 358 new seats and 170 new electrical sockets were provided across seven campus buildings.

Sports infrastructure (€1.068m from student levy)

This expenditure related to three different elements:

- The floodlighting of three turf pitches on the North Campus (one GAA, one Rugby, and one Soccer pitch) (€602k).
- The playing surface on the all-weather Soccer Pitch was replaced / upgraded as it was end of life (€198k).
- The gym equipment in the MU Sports Centre main gym was upgraded/replaced. This included cardio machines, resistance machines and free weights (€268k).

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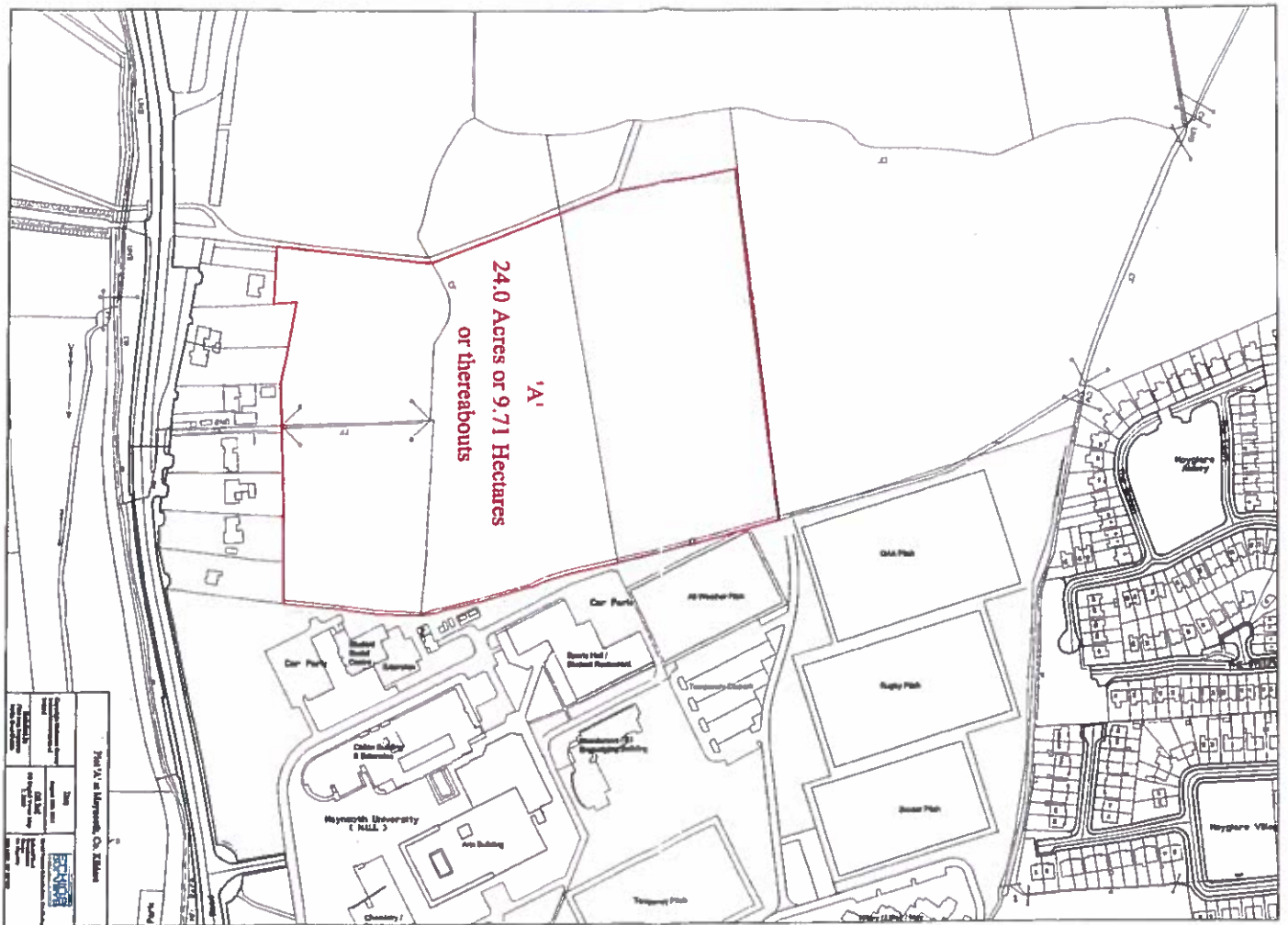
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I hope the above information addresses all of your queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Professor Eeva Leinonen
President
Maynooth University



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