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Dear

Management of Milton Country Park

South Cambs District Council is considering options for the future of management of Milton Country Park, and in particular the possibility of contracting it out, in order to reduce the council's expenditure on the park. We are seeking to explore the viability of this option.

We are writing to find out if you would be interested to consider undertaking the management, or would be interested in considering a partnership arrangement. We enclose a set of information to enable you to assess what it would entail.

The timescale for this stage of the process is:

- Documents sent out on 13 April
- Opportunity for guided tour of the park and talk with staff at 2pm on 25 April
- Return date confirming interest 12 May

Following receipt of expressions of interest, a report will be prepared for the Council's cabinet meeting in June to decide what course of action should be followed. If the Council confirms that it wishes to contract out management, it is anticipated that a formal tender process may be undertaken.

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The questions on which we would like your response are:

- 1. Are you interested in the opportunity to take on the management of the park, or enter into a partnership?
- 2. Are there conditions, such as the length of contract, or charges which you would want the freedom to introduce, which would need to be met for you to bid for this work? If so, what are they?
- 3. Do you have any comments on this process, which would help the Council decide on the appropriate course of action?

We look forward to hearing from you by 12 May.

Yours sincerely,

Simon McIntosh Head of Community Services

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- Anti-social behaviour notice
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Financial Information

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- Budget breakdown for last 10 years

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- Transfer of Public Employees (TUPE) information
- · Example of current staff rota
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