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**Former Council Depot at Lime Grove, North Berwick, East Lothian
Asset Transfer Appeal**

Dear Ms Patterson,

Please find attached my final decision letter relating to the above asset transfer appeal to the Scottish Government for land owned by East Lothian Council. Scottish Ministers accept the Reporter's findings and recommendation to dismiss the appeal and refuse the asset transfer request.

This will be very disappointing news for the North Berwick Community Development Company following their hard work over the last few years to purchase the land at Lime Grove, North Berwick on behalf of their community. I would therefore be grateful if East Lothian Council could work closely with the community organisation to explore alternative options to achieve their ambitions.

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Copied to:

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