



The Council Offices  
Community Way  
Croxley Green, Rickmansworth  
Hertfordshire WD3 3SU

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Cllr Sarah Nelmes  
Leader  
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Dear Cllr Nelmes

**The Red Cross Centre, Community Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth WD3 3HB**

**WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

You may recall I wrote to you on 4 December. A copy is attached for ease of reference.

We met subsequently by chance and you told me that Three Rivers District Council had written to the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) asking the Society to state its intentions for the Centre and setting an ultimatum for the Society to respond. You also said that you would reply to the Parish Council once you had the BRCS response.

As far as I know we haven't received a reply from you.

However the BRCS has written to the Parish Council recently and I quote:

*"The Parish Council offer was passed to TRDC, the feed-back received is that they would not be inclined to progress or approve it. While discussions concerning the premises with TRDC could be labelled as still open, frankly there has been little contact this last year."*

I am sure you will agree this doesn't sound like what you told me informally.

There is a considerable ground swell of opinion in Croxley Green about the future of the Centre, which was built with local funding to provide a social centre for the older people in Croxley Green. The Parish Council is being pressed by residents to update them on the position and it is difficult to explain what is preventing us from making progress on the subject of this very important community asset.

Once we emerge from lockdown and a date is confirmed for the local elections I suspect that rumours will start to fly again. It would be good if we could report some positive progress before then.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

yours sincerely,  
Andrew Gallagher

Andrew Gallagher  
Chairman, Croxley Green Parish Council