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Hi John

Thank you for your email and of course this would be an important consideration. It would be good to meet for a chat as you suggest. I have copied in [REDACTED] who can try to look for a convenient date that works.

Best wishes

Kevin



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Kevin,

By way of introduction, I am CEO at the Land Development Agency ('LDA'), which is a commercial state body grounded in statute by the Land Development Agency Act 2021. The role of the LDA is, among other things, to access and develop lands owned by state bodies for the provision of affordable homes.

I note from your engagement with the Oireachtas during the week that the potential to sell RTÉ lands at Donnybrook may form part of the future strategy of RTÉ.

Pursuant to the LDA Act, public bodies, including RTÉ which is specifically included in the scope of the Act, must first offer land for sale to the LDA. Land located in Dublin that is owned by public bodies to be developed for housing must yield 100% social and affordable housing, unless exempted from this requirement by the Government. In our view, the RTÉ lands at Donnybrook have the potential for hundreds of affordable homes to be delivered in an area where

people on middle incomes are typically locked out. If developed by the LDA, the lands would remain an asset for the state in its long-term ownership. Hence, the lands are obviously highly attractive to us.

I am conscious that the above may have a bearing on some of RTÉ's potential strategic options currently being evaluated. Also, the operational needs of landowning bodies are not lost on us, and we tend to adopt a solutions-oriented approach where possible. As such, I would welcome lunch/coffee to discuss with you in further detail the above and our approach with other state bodies to date, if this is of interest to you.

Kind regards,  
John



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