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See below from DfE. They say that no decision has yet been made to approve the site and that the Parish Council will be notified (with reasons "where appropriate") when the decision is made. In view of this, it would seem that the sensible course is to await that decision. Galina, do you agree?

Jamie

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Dear Leigh Day,

Thank you for your email dated 30 May 2013 attaching a letter of the same date with a number of questions regarding the use of Pioneer House.

You asked five questions and the answers below address them in turn:

Q 1. We have not yet notified South Buckinghamshire District Council under paragraph C.2 of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) as to whether the site is approved for use as a state-funded school.

We have however indicated to South Buckinghamshire District Council that we are considering the use of Pioneer House as the temporary site of Khalsa Secondary Free School under this temporary permitted development right from September 2013.

a) If the final decision is to approve the site for use as a state-funded school, then the Secretary of State will have to decide on whether to enter into a funding agreement under which the Khalsa Secondary Free School will occupy the Pioneer House site from

September 2013.

b) The timeline for refurbishments will only be clear when the necessary works are commissioned. No works pursuant to any temporary PDR will be undertaken prior to any notification by the Secretary of State under paragraph C.2 mentioned above.

c) As yet, the Secretary of State has not made a decision to enter into a Funding Agreement, but if the Secretary of State decides to do so, it will have to be done before the school can open in September 2013.

Q 2. The Secretary of State has not made a final decision as to approval of the site for use as a state funded school.

Q 3. There is no timetable for when the Secretary of State will make his final decision so I am unable to confirm this for you. The local authority and Parish Council would be notified as to his decision (giving reasons where appropriate).

Q 4. See my reply on Q1.

Q 5. As set out in my answer to Q 3 there is no timetable as to when any decision will be made. The Secretary of State will send a copy of any notification to the LPA to the Parish Council.

We will respond to your separate letter of 22 May in due course.

Your correspondence has been allocated reference number 2013/0034844. If you need to respond to us, please visit: [www.education.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.education.gov.uk/contactus), and quote your reference number.

Yours sincerely,

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