15th July 2016

Our Ref: P&D/plans/CDC/BAM2/WK/LJ (by post and/or email)

CHATSWORTH SETTLEMENT TRUSTEES

BOLTON ABBEY

Dear Sir or Madam

Bolton Abbey Development Options Appraisal Study: informal public liaison event, Bolton Abbey Village Hall, 3-7pm, Tues 26 July

I am writing to invite you to the above *drop-in* event at any time between 3pm and 7pm on 26 July so that you can see our emerging plans for the Bolton Abbey area and discuss these with the study team and ourselves.

As you may know, we derive income from rents, admissions and trading. This helps fund services (e.g. the village shop and post office) and environmental management activities (e.g. architectural conservation) without grant support.

However, our operations are being diminished by: lack of play facilities for children; limited staff and visitor accommodation in the area; high maintenance costs; vulnerability to bad weather; little or no secondary spend by visitors; lack of sense of arrival; increased competition; major planning constraints.

Working together with Historic England, Craven District Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park, we are therefore considering ways to improve and diversify our visitor offer in the core visitor area from Bolton Bridge to Barden Bridge (including Bolton Abbey village).

We now want to share indicative plans with the local community and gain views to help us plan and sustain our operations in the long term.

I hope you can "drop in" to the village hall between 3-7pm on 26 July. If not, please visit http://nlpplanning.com/public/Bolton-Abbey/Bolton-Abbey.html from 27 July to 17 August and provide related feedback using that web-site.

Yours faithfully

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