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Dear James,

**Royal British Legion Radcliffe-on-Trent**

Thank you very much for your time yesterday morning. It was a pleasure to meet you, Anne McLeod and Joe Pope, Chair and Executive Officer of Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council.

We met at your request to discuss the site containing Radcliffe Hall and the former RBL Club premises.

It was noted that other than involvement in the annual Remembrance activities and the Poppy Appeal, the Radcliffe-on-Trent Branch of the RBL has not been overly active for a number of years – attempts are currently underway to try to revitalise the Branch with a new Chairman in place. The Branch previously occupied Radcliffe Hall as a Branch Occupied Property (BOP) and allowed local groups to hire rooms in the building. However, the Branch is no longer in a position to continue this activity, and so hirings ended approximately a year ago. The local Branch have passed the Hall back to the custody of the trustees.

Radcliffe Hall is a very old building and is Grade II listed. There would be a requirement for significant investment in the Hall for it to be of suitable use to either RBL or other users.

The separate RBL Club building has, historically, been let to the company trading as Royal British Legion (Radcliffe-on-Trent and District) Club Limited. This is an entity separate from the RBL Charity. The Club members very recently voted for the Club to be closed because

of insolvency. As a result, this building has also been passed back into the custody of the trustees.

The whole site is held in trust for the benefit of ex-servicepersons resident in Radcliffe-on-Trent. The RBL Trustees are also trustees of this local Branch Property Trust (BPT) which is a separate – standalone - charity. Decisions about the future of the site will be made by the BPT trustees at their next meeting in February 2026. If a decision is made to sell the site, then the proceeds of such sale will continue to be held by the BPT for the benefit of ex-servicepersons in Radcliffe-on-Trent. Phil Bradbury, Regional Property Manager, will update you when any decisions are made.

If a decision to sell is made, then the trustees are bound by the Charities Act and are obligated to achieve the best possible value for the site for the charity. This determination must be made with professional support from outside the RBL.

In terms of the immediate future, I can confirm that both the Hall and Club premises have been secured and are overseen by a security company. To comply with the insurer's requirements, it will also be necessary to prevent access to the carpark and grounds. To that end, the entrance to the carpark will be blocked to vehicles in early-December.

I acknowledge that there will be both disappointment and concern within the local community and every effort will be made to communicate any decisions that are made in an open and timely manner. Phil Bradbury will be the main point of contact for any local groups or individuals who wish to discuss the situation further - [PBradbury@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:PBradbury@britishlegion.org.uk).

Additionally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions at any point.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Pearce'.

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