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**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Ms Duckworth

**Graves Park - 510841**

We are contacting you as our records indicate you are the designated correspondent for Graves Park ('the Charity'). You should ensure each of the trustees receives a copy of this letter.

The Commission has received concerns relating to land belonging to the charity held on charitable trust. The concerns are relating to the trustee's intentions on whether they plan to have the land restored back to parkland or to instead build on the land. We have also become aware of a recent news article relating to the Graves Park Rose Garden Café being closed as a safety precaution and a campaign set up so the closure of the café does not become permanent.

The Charity Commission ('the Commission') assesses concerns on a case-by-case basis against its published [Risk Framework](#) and its published guidance [Complaints about Charities \(CC47\)](#). Both documents are available on our website and explain what types of complaints we will and will not take up.

As it is the Commission's role to ensure that charities are accountable, well-run and meet their legal obligations, we are contacting the trustees to determine if we have any regulatory concerns.

We would appreciate if the trustees can provide us with the following information:

1. Are the trustees aware of concerns relating to land belonging to the charity and if so, what actions have been taken by the trustees in handling these concerns?
2. What are the trustees plans for the land in question going forward and if the land is held on charitable trust, are the trustees plans in accordance with the purposes for which the land was given?
3. Please provide details of how the trustees have managed any concerns raised relating to the closure of the Graves Park Rose Garden Café.
4. How was the Graves Park Rose Garden Café managed and maintained prior to its closure?

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5. Have the trustees reached a decision for the future plans of the Graves Park Rose Garden Café?
6. Does the charity have a complaints policy? If so, please provide a copy of this.
7. Please provide any further information you consider is relevant to the issues raised.

### **Way forward**

The trustees should read and discuss this letter collectively. I look forward to hearing from you by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. If you cannot meet this deadline, please let me know immediately and before the deadline expires.

Yours sincerely

**Laura Wainwright**  
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