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Mr Adrian Pritchard  
Chief Executive  
Colchester Borough Council  
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29<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Dear Mr Pritchard,

Can you confirm, please, that the proposed Colchester Community Stadium will be owned by Colchester Borough Council?

Can you confirm that the contract to build the stadium has been let by Colchester Borough Council?

At what stage does the Stadium Board take up its legal responsibilities? What are the current legal responsibilities of members of the "shadow" Board?

What decisions are required to be taken by the "shadow" Board which relate to the building of the stadium, its design, specifications, etc?

I write because I am getting conflicting messages as to what the precise terms of reference are for the Board and how these may, or may not, be more properly the legal responsibility of the Borough Council.

Also, what legal responsibilities (if any) does the Stakeholders Group have? Again, I am getting conflicting messages as to precisely what role this body has.

That both the "shadow" Board and the Stakeholders Group are quangoes is a matter of fact. What is not clear is where the legal responsibilities lay, and where the buck stops.

I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Russell,  
MP for Colchester