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I would like to understand what the issue is that is holding up Daddy Day Care being able to operate from these premises insofar as relates to Council involvement.

There is a title restriction on the sale of the school that requires Forth Ports consent before we can dispose of it to Heart of Newhaven. We have had to obtain Counsel's opinion on whether the restriction was enforceable and on being advised that it is, enter into negotiations with Forth Ports in order to obtain their consent. The issue has now been resolved by agreement and we are finalising legal documentation with Heart of Newhaven and Forth Ports to allow the sale to proceed. We are awaiting Heart of Newhaven's solicitors to confirm the completion date.

Following the identification of the title restriction, the Service Director offered Heart of Newhaven full possession of the school through our standard licence until the legal formalities were completed. They declined our offer.

The Council have had no part in any dealings between Heart of Newhaven and Daddy Day Care.