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Dear Mr Neumann,

**Just Around the Corner, Forest Road, Wokingham RG40 5QY  
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Thank you for your email of 29<sup>th</sup> October. I apologise for the delay in coming back to you.

In response:

1. The marquee is proposed to be in place from Easter to mid-December. During this time there will be one event per month which includes the AGM; two barn dances for different age groups; meals where participants 'purchase a plate', a silent auction evening and Quiz Night for fundraising purposes; presentation evening of Awards for students; Switching on the Christmas Lights event for students and families; Information evenings for Heads and SENDCos from prospective referral schools.
2. There is insufficient room within the main building and the rooms are fitted out for the allocated uses which are incompatible with the proposed functions.
3. There are Corporate Volunteer Groups attending twice a month, for these days it is extremely important to segregate the volunteers, by utilising the marquee for lunch, refreshments and briefings, from our vulnerable young people who become highly anxious when a large number of volunteers are on site. These days are imperative to keep the cost of maintenance and groundwork to a minimum providing over 1200-man hours per year.
4. The marquee is absolutely essential for fundraising and publicity given the limitation of the existing buildings and the need for money-generating activities and raising awareness of the invaluable work of the Charity. This is accentuated by the increasing difficulty in raising grants even with the assistance of the Grants Writer service from Involve, Wokingham at times of financial constraints which meant none of the grants submitted in the last 2 years was successful.
5. The events in the marquee do not cause any parking problems as there is sufficient room on site to accommodate all requirements.

Please come back to me if you need any further details or information.

Yours sincerely,

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