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Dear Steve

ERDF PROJECT: CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT FILM - Ref. GOL 95/01/082

Further to our telephone conversation on 9 September, I note that the BFI do not accept DNH's reading of the situation and are taking the matter up with them further. We will await the outcome of this but, as I explained, you would be well advised to plan for the eventuality that the project may not be able to proceed with BFI involved as guarantor.

You indicated that, whilst it would involve an unwelcome amount of extra work, you would be able to put together an alternative strategy which would keep the other parties on board should the issue with BFI prove unresolvable. This sounds promising; we would, however, wish to see full details of any proposed changes to the project as it was originally submitted (as would DNH) before agreeing to issue a formal offer letter. Providing the nature of the project remains essentially the same, I would not anticipate any problems here. If BFI and DNH have not come to an agreement by the end of this month, I would suggest that you begin work to have the new strategy in place by no later than 11 October. As you know, all commitments must be in place by the end of the year for ERDF funding to be confirmed; in practice we would need to finalise matters sometime before then so that any funding not allocated can be directed elsewhere. There is therefore little or no scope for any delay beyond mid-October.

In addition to the above, we agreed that you would send us copies of correspondence from the match funders confirming the amount they were going to contribute to the project, and you would confirm that the 40 beneficiaries would come from within the Objective 2 area (as requested in my letter to you of 25 June). I look forward to receiving this information soon.

Yours sincerely

ROBERT CRANGLE