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Dear

Initial/PRE- Viability Assessment

Further to …………….. earlier today, I confirm your decision to withdraw from the above assessment. The visit was booked for today at …………..hrs and was the first step in being considered to care for children within your extended family.

As a result, you will not be assessed as long term carers for ………………, who you had named as the children for whom you intended to be considered as permanent carers, should they not return to birth parents.

I fully appreciate the consideration you and your partner have given this process, and the reasons for your decision to withdraw, which focuses on the best interests of the children.

If you wish to review your position, however, I would ask that you notify me not later than ….., ………...

In order that you are able to fully understand the Local Authority’s plan for the children, should they be unable to return to the care of their parents and in the event that no family members or connected persons are identified as alternative carers, it is likely that a plan of adoption will be pursued, given the young ages of the children and the importance of stability and permanence for them at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Social Worker
Child protection & Court Team