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70 Merrion Square,
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Our ref: 200513
Your ref: N/A

Date: 30th August 2024

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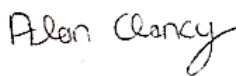
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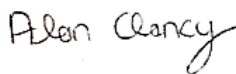
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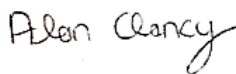
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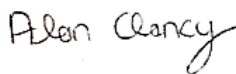
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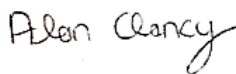
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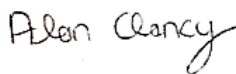
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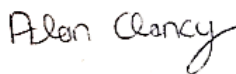
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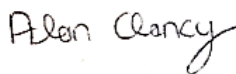
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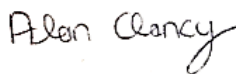
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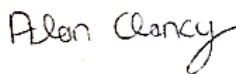
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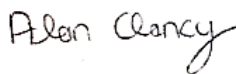
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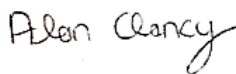
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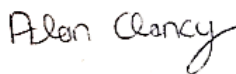
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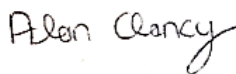
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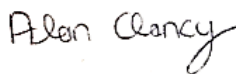
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