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Dear Candidate

I am delighted that you are considering the post of Rector of the Rutland Water Benefice. As you read the parish profile you will get a real feel for the possibilities to minister with God's people around the beautiful setting of Rutland Water. The benefice is a great example of the Church at the heart of a rural community. The church buildings provide a focal point for each village, there are committed churchwardens and lay officers in each parish, good ecumenical links and engagement with local schools is excellent. Additionally the benefice is committed to streamlining its governance to make the ten parishes far more administratively manageable, alongside re-appointing a House for Duty priest.

By this letter I reinforce the diocese's commitment to involve the new Rector in the appointment of the House for Duty priest in the benefice of Rutland Water. Following a successful interview it is the intention that the Archdeacon will work alongside the successful candidate and parishes to advertise and appoint a House for Duty priest. All parties hope that these conversations are able to start very soon after the interview and do not need to wait until after the Institution and Induction of the new Rector.

I invite you prayerfully to consider the parish profile, and the other information provided about both the Rutland Water Benefice and the Diocese as a whole. If you believe you feel God's calling to minister to his people in this beautiful rural setting we would very much welcome an application from you.

With my best wishes

Bishop of Peterborough