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Dear Mr Tofts,

### **Examination of the Folkestone and Hythe District Core Strategy Review**

Thank you for the recent updates concerning discussions between the Council and Highways England and the work being undertaken as a result. We understand that you anticipate the work being completed and a revised statement of common ground being agreed by late May or shortly thereafter. Given this, and in the interests of progressing the examination, we now consider it appropriate to make arrangements to resume the hearing sessions.

We propose to resume the session on the proposed New Garden Settlement on Tuesday 29 June 2021 and if necessary, continuing on Wednesday 30 June. The intention will be to primarily deal with transport matters but also cover issues arising from earlier discussions and action points including those relating to infrastructure, phasing, viability and potential main modifications. We then propose a final session on Thursday 1 July 2021 to deal with any outstanding issues, including those arising from action points from earlier sessions.

In order to resume the hearing sessions on the timescale envisaged, the information and statement of common ground in relation to transport matters for the proposed New Garden Settlement will need to be published by 4 June 2021 at the latest. We will then provide the Council and participants at the hearing session the opportunity to submit additional written statements by no later than 18 June 2021. If the deadline for the publication of the information and statement of common ground is not met, we will not be able to proceed with the hearing sessions as planned.

We will liaise with you via the Programme Officer regarding the detailed arrangements for the hearing sessions. We would be grateful if you would provide updates on progress and inform us promptly if the expected timescale slips.

Yours sincerely,

*Kevin Ward and Philip Mileham*

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