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Dear Sir/ Madam

Examination of the Folkestone & Hythe District Council Core Strategy Review

I am writing to you because you have registered an interest or made representations concerning the Folkestone & Hythe District Council Core Strategy Review published by the Local Planning Authority under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The Secretary of State has now appointed two inspectors Kevin Ward BA (Hons) MRTPI and Philip Mileham BA (Hons) MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Plan. The Inspectors will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and whether it is “sound” i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspectors with all administrative aspects of the examination and my contact details are set out above. Outside of the hearing sessions which form part of the examination, the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Local Planning Authority or Representors. Therefore, all communications with the Inspectors will need to take place through me.

The Inspectors are currently appraising the Plan, the associated evidence and the representations submitted at the Regulation 19 stage, and I will be in contact again when I am able to provide further information on the examination process, including the timing of any hearing sessions. This may not be for a number of weeks. **As you will appreciate, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency is likely to have an impact on the process and timing of the examination; I will update you about this as soon as I have more information.**

All information concerning the examination will be made available on the examination website which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/core-strategy-review>

I am your point of contact throughout the examination process, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

Yours sincerely,

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Caroline Williams

Programme Officer, on behalf of Folkestone & Hythe District Council