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Dear Mr Tofts,

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

Following the hearing session earlier today dealing with administrative and procedural matters, we can now confirm the way forward for the examination.

As discussed, we have concluded that the Council has complied with the duty to cooperate in the preparation of the Core Strategy Review. As also discussed, whilst we consider the submitted Core Strategy Review not to be sound, it can be made sound by main modifications.

It is currently our intention to write to you again soon to set out an outline of the main modifications necessary for soundness. We will then liaise with you via the Programme Officer to facilitate the production of a schedule of main modifications which will need to be subject to full public consultation and Sustainability Appraisal. You may consider that a Habitats Regulations Assessment is also appropriate.

There are some outstanding action points arising from the hearing sessions this week and we would be grateful if these could be completed as soon as possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank you and your colleagues for the constructive approach to the hearing sessions and the examination generally.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Ward and Philip Mileham

**INSPECTORS** 

