

Dear Mr. Hollox,

15 December 2012

I refer to the Meeting held at the Stade Hall on Thursday 13th December – morning session – HBC Planning Strategy Examination – Exploratory Meeting.

Purpose of Meeting: to explore the matter of the Duty to Co-operate.

You will recall I commented I did not believe that the Duty to Co-operate had been adequately demonstrated – this was in the main due to the shortage of land available for development in Hastings and the fact that the substantial housing allocation in relation to the Link Road seemed to be exclusively in Rother DCs boundaries.

I did wonder why no discussions appeared to have taken place to discuss this imbalance and possible allocations to Hastings. However, discussion then proceeded with officers from HBC and representatives from Rother DC and ESCC. After hearing their evidence and subsequently sourcing information from HBCs “**Shaping Hastings**” website, I came to the conclusion that the Duty to Co-operate had been implemented as far as expectations could allow, and therefore I no longer wish to offer any criticism on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Stephenson