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Dear Mrs Duncan

Matter 7: Sites for Housing and other matters including Recreation, Leisure and Culture – Clarification of the proposed revision to the Rother District Council Proposed Submission Core Strategy housing numbers

During the Matter 7: hearing session on 14th February 2013, Mr Hollox requested that Rother District Council write to him confirming the proposed revision to the housing numbers within the Council's Proposed Submission Core Strategy. The proposed main modifications to the housing numbers respond specifically to our Inspector's preliminary conclusions (dated 13th December 2012 – Attachment 1). The main thrust of these modifications put forward an increase the housing numbers within the District to the Regional Strategy (South East Plan) numbers. The District Council's response to the Inspector's preliminary findings, along with the associated Cabinet Report, can be found in Attachment 2. Specifically the Inspector will be interested in the following proposed changes: PM4, PM6-PM8 & PM22-23.

At the Matter 7 hearing session, my colleague Nichola Watters confirmed that the District Council's Core Strategy does not rely on the development at Breadsell coming forward. This point is further illustrated by the revised housing numbers identified at the Hastings Fringes spatial area. The identified capacity in the Hastings Fringes area is 100 dwellings (Appendix 2 – PM22/23), of which 44 units already have extant planning permission (PM31).

It should be noted that these changes have been put forward by the District Council as main modifications to the Core Strategy and need to be subject to a formal consultation.

I hope this further clarifies the District Council's position in relation to Matter 7.

Yours Sincerely

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 Planning Strategy and Environment Manager



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