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Dear Mr Bore,

SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION – MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

Further to your request for Statements of Common Ground and statements by 7th July 2017, prior to the further hearings on 25th and 26th July 2017, please find attached a clarification statement from MSDC.

Since the last hearings, in the spirit of engagement and cooperation, the Council has had a series of meetings with representatives from the Developer Forum, Wealden and Horsham District Councils, and Crawley Borough Council.

Notwithstanding these meetings, the Council has been unable to prepare a Statement of Common Ground with the Developer Forum. A further meeting with the Forum has been requested, but the Forum has advised that they do not believe that such a meeting would be beneficial.

To confirm, the Council's position remains as set out in Statements MSDC 8b, MSDC 8c, MSDC 8d, MSDC 16 and MSDC 18. However, following the meeting with the Developer Forum, the Council wishes to clarify its position in relation to the Wealden decision, and to set out the Council's plans for further work on a Sites Allocation DPD and on a Call for Sites to inform the preparation of a Brownfield Register. The attached clarification statement addresses each of these issues.

The Council notes the contents of ID24, which sets out the provisional agenda for the hearing sessions on 25th and 26th July. We request that the order of the agenda is amended, to discuss the effect of the Ashdown Forest and the Wealden decision on the District Plan as the first item. It seems to the Council that this issue is fundamental to the consideration of the District Plan, and influences all subsequent discussions.

Yours sincerely



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