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7th December 2016.

Dear Louise,

Proposed Park and Ride Facility, Cripple Street, Maidstone. (Representation R1988)

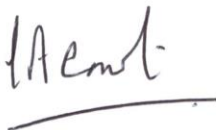
Following my appearance at Session 12, Transport, on 17th November, the Inspector asked me to submit further information on my client's proposed Park and Ride facility on land south of Cripple Street, Loose. At that Session, I explained that my client (Hollyridge Services) had commissioned Peter Brett Associates (PBA) to research and report on the highways aspects of the proposal. In response to the Inspector's request, I am attaching a note from PBA as to what work they undertook.

During the Session, I also referred to the fact that I had sought pre-application advice from the Borough Council. I am therefore attaching a copy of my request for such advice and the response I received. The reason for letting the Inspector have this is that he will be able to see that the Borough Council completely ignored my request in the opening paragraph of my letter) that I be informed as to what technical studies and other information would be needed to support a planning application. In particular, the Borough Council did not specify that my client should consult Kent County Council as Highways Authority. Indeed, the Council's response was distinctly dismissive of the proposal, primarily on the grounds of conflict with a landscape protection policy contained within a Local Plan that only covered the period up to April 2006. Against this background, PBA concentrated on the site-specific issues of the proposal.

I therefore attach my request to the Borough Council for pre-application advice dated 13th January 2016; the Council's response dated 1st March 2016 and PBA's technical note, dated 4th December 2016 on the work that they undertook.

If any further information is required, then do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Court
Director

cc. Mr. D. Knight, Hollyridge Services.

