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Mr Andrew Barrett-Miles Chairman Environment, Community & Fire Select Committee 27 November 2018

Dear Mr Barrett-Miles

<u>Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee – Littlehampton</u> to Bognor Regis Cycle Path

At its meeting on 14 November 2018, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) Supports findings of the review and their implementation for future highways schemes.
- 2) Requests that more examination be done on future communications in respect of such projects with the emphasis on 'engagement' messaging rather than 'broadcast' messaging.
- 3) Requests a letter of assurance from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure ensuring that the implementation of this project had been investigated and that the necessary organisational changes have been put in place so that the same issues do not arise again.

I am content to support the Committee's findings of the review and can confirm that they are already being implemented on highway schemes.

The Corporate Communications Team is fully integrated within the project teams to ensure that messages during construction of highway schemes are relayed to the stakeholder and community in an appropriate and timely manner.

The Director of Highways and Transport is working to ensure that the governance which has been put in place (which includes ensuring teams submitting financial bids for external funding engage fully with the project delivery team, through the submission of business cases to the Highways Capital Hub) is functioning as it should be, reducing the risk of the same issues arising again.

Yours sincerely

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