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By email only

Dear Ms Burston,

**Examination of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039 -  
Inspector's Preliminary Matters**

Thank you for your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 inviting the Council to respond to the Preliminary Matters as published in July.

Please find attached a copy of the County Council's response in relation to the preliminary matters. I will arrange with the Programme Officer for the documents to be available in the Examination Library.

Further to question 1 I have also attached four Statements of Common Ground that have been agreed post submission.

I trust that you and the Programme Officer have all the information that you need to progress to the Hearing stage. If you require any clarification or anything further from the County Council, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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