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Dear Ms Harrison

**Canterbury District Local Plan Publication Draft 2014**

The Examination in Public into the Canterbury District Local Plan is currently being held and a question has arisen about whether your office was consulted in the preparation of the plan.

Our understanding is that your office only needs to be consulted if strategic rail issues arise, or modifications to the rail network, or wider ranging issues which would span more than one district.

The Canterbury District Local Plan refers to the rail network in that rail is a vital part of the wider transport network, but does not propose any modifications to the rail network or to infrastructure which would directly impact on the rail network. Discussions on the Local Plan and its Transport Strategy have taken place at a local level with Network Rail and with Southeastern Railway.

A copy of the Plan and all associated documents can be found here:

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/>

I would draw your attention in particular to:

Chapter 5 Transport Infrastructure

I would be most grateful if you would confirm that you do not need to be consulted on this local plan.

# Yours sincerely

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