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Dear Ameeta,

**South East England Regional Assembly Select Committee on the Global Challenge and Global Regions**

**Context and Issues Paper**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this document. Unfortunately we have not had the resources to respond in detail but please find below brief comments outlining our concerns.

The paper lists a number of 'dimensions' which make up the global challenge. One of these is described as increasing pressure on natural resources and global climate. This challenge does not however form part of the subsequent discussion.

The paper addresses only economic global challenges. This should be made explicit.

SEFS is concerned that the issues of 'climate change', 'sustainable consumption and production', 'natural resources and the environment' and 'sustainable communities' are described as indirectly relevant.

Failure to integrate these issues into the debate on global challenge runs counter to the need to achieve truly sustainable development.

Global business should not be discussed outside the context of climate change and sustainability. These issues should not be put in a separate box for consideration elsewhere.

We are disappointed that in a document dealing with global challenges that there is no recognition of the need for a One Planet Economy approach, as described in the government's SD Strategy 'Securing the Future'.

Economic development should be pursued within the resource limitations of the planet.

We hope these comments are of use and we look forward to receiving a copy of the Select Committee's report in due course.

Yours sincerely

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