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Dear Keith

I am pleased to be writing to you as we now transfer the South East Regional Housing Board from GOSE to the Regional Assembly and welcome Cllr Elizabeth Cartwright as the Chair.

In the past three years the Board has made significant progress bringing together key regional partners, to advise Government on housing priorities and investment in the South East. It has been a strong example of real partnership working and has helped us secure a robust assessment by Government of the needs of the region, which were reflected in its allocation of resources.

The implementation of the Regional Housing Strategy 2006 was an important step forward for the Board. The Comprehensive Spending Review 2007, and further updating the strategy's messages and funding recommendations, will offer another challenge. The Board is seeking to make its resources go further, to make a greater impact and to deliver more for the region. Value for money, innovative design, high quality development and environmental sustainability are priorities enshrined in the Board's grant programme and long-term strategy.

My role with the Board formed an important part of my introduction to regional issues, the priority Government assigns to housing, and its cross-cutting nature. I am confident that, as the board moves forward the mature partnership that has been formed will play a positive role in the shaping of the important decisions needed to safeguard the future success of the South East.

I look forward to that valued cooperation continuing as work steps up to meet our collective challenges, and I would like to extend my good wishes and those of the GOSE team to Elizabeth Cartwright as she takes over the Chair.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rolande Anderson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Ms RJR Anderson