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Dear Ms Peet,

**RE: TONBRIDGE AND MALLING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK – TONBRIDGE CENTRAL AREA ACTION PLAN
SUBMISSION DRAFT**

Under the provisions of Section 24 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the Act) the South East England Regional Assembly has assessed the general conformity of the Tonbridge Central Area Action Plan submission document against the adopted Regional Spatial Strategy (RPG9 and Alterations) and also the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy (the Draft South East Plan, submitted to the Secretary of State on 31 March 2006).

Members of the Regional Planning Committee consider the Tonbridge Central Area Action Plan to be in general conformity with both the adopted and emerging Regional Spatial Strategy. However, the Assembly has one representation to make on the DPD, which has been submitted on the separate representation form, and a summary of which is set out on the attached sheet.

If you have any comments or questions relating to this letter please do not hesitate to contact Sue Janota, Regional Planner, on 01483 555200 or at suejanota@southeast-ra.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Catriona Riddell
Planning Strategy Director

South East England Regional Assembly – Summary of Representations

Representation 1

The Tonbridge Central Area Action Plan should refer to Tonbridge-Tunbridge Wells as a regional hub as opposed to a transport hub and to the need to support and promote it as such as set out in policies CC8b and CC8c of the draft South East Plan.