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Dear Minister Norris

Thank you for your letter of 23 December 2025.

Your officials have not done what, at our meeting, you agreed they would do. You agreed to provide us with all documents straight away even though you recognised many of them were in draft form. The list of documents which has now been provided makes it clear that no information will be provided unless and until a formal decision is made and even then it will be less information than we requested. This change in approach is unacceptable particularly when you have not even had the courtesy to explain why you have changed your stance.

This is not a huge surprise, given the approach which your department has taken from the start. I will never understand why your department cannot deal straightforwardly and openly with the people of Crowborough or why you think it wise not to. Your approach has led to distrust, fear, community tension and expenditure of a lot of time and money and has greatly increased the risk of harm to everyone involved, if you decide to impose your plan on Crowborough.

We call on you, again, to live up to the promise made in our meeting and provide us with all documentation now and without any further delay.

Yours sincerely

Cllr James Partridge
Leader of the Council and Governance, Waste and Local Economy Portfolio Holder