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Dear Minister Norris,

We write with reference to the 'regular' meetings you agreed to hold with us regarding Crowborough Army Camp.

Despite that promise of regular meetings, having liaised with your office, the next meeting has been scheduled for the 13th January 2026. Your team cite diary pressures and a late international trip.

With all due respect, that is simply not good enough. It tells us as the locally democratically elected leaders, and our local residents and communities, that you don't care about the impact your decision is having on us all. You should and must prioritise engagement and consultation with us and all those who will be so affected by your proposed decision.

If you still don't understand, this decision is having an enormous and lasting impact on our residents. To refuse to engage regularly with us to discuss the process and the impacts cannot be right. Such a lack of care and empathy for our communities is not what we should expect from you as Minister and the decision maker.

Whilst writing, we would also flag that your team continue to obfuscate and delay sharing any documents with us. At our meeting you stated firmly and unequivocally that your team should 'get us what you've got'. It was quite clear that sharing drafts of documents was what you had in mind so that we could input into the process and share our concerns through that process. We have still not received a single document from your team. Responses continue to pontificate and delay. If you stand by your commitment in our meeting, will you now give your team a clear direction that they must, today, share all those draft documents with us.

Yours sincerely

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