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Subject: CROWN/2025/0000002 Sevington Inland Border Facility - Pre-Inquiry proceedings / Meeting

Dear **Sevington with Finberry (SFPC)** and **Mersham Parish Councils (MPC)**, **National Highways** and **KCC**,

CROWN/2025/0000002 Sevington Inland Border Facility
Proposed development at Sevington Inland Border Facility, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 6GE

We write to you on behalf of the Department for Transport, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (together, the applicants).

JLL is advising the applicant on planning matters, as planning consultants, and have been involved in the various public consultation activities that took place earlier in the year.

We note **Sevington with Finberry** and **Mersham Parish Councils** and **National Highways** have been confirmed as 'Rule 13' parties in respect to the forthcoming Inquiry.

In the interests of openness and transparency, we write to share with you our recent letter to the Planning Inspectorate (attached). This is in advance of the Pre-Inquiry Meeting (PIM) next week on the 11th November.

The letter seeks to set out a rationale for a potential approach to Inquiry that would allow for productive discussion between parties, via a roundtable.

We note that Ashford BC have also responded to the planning inspectorate, supporting the applicant's proposals in respect to a potential Inquiry procedure / Hearing.

[REDACTED], I note we have discussed highways last week and will continue to work with you to reach resolution, where at all possible, on the remaining highways matters.

[REDACTED] - We would welcome a meeting to discuss your representations submitted to PINS – or indeed the Inquiry procedure proposal as outlined in the attached letter.

Please do let me know if a meeting would be helpful.

Kind regards
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