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Dear Mr Groom,

### **A21 TONBRIDGE TO PEMBURY DUALLING SCHEME PUBLIC INQUIRY**

Sevenoaks District Council wishes to express its strong support for the principle of the dualling of the A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury and its identification as a priority scheme for future funding. The West Kent Investment Strategy and Action Plan recognise congestion on the A21 as a weakness of the west Kent economy and support the dualling of this section. The scheme is also recognised as an important local infrastructure improvement in Sevenoaks District as a result of its inclusion in the Sevenoaks District Core Strategy Infrastructure Delivery Plan Schedule. As well as the perceived economic benefits, the dualling would improve access to the new Pembury Hospital, which serves Sevenoaks District.

Sevenoaks District Council would ask that this letter is taken into account in determining the issues to be considered by the Public Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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