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Dear Mr Brown

On behalf of Judy Holmes, please find attached a response to your e-mail of the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards  
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Dear Ms Holmes,

I am writing on behalf of the Sussex Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, the countryside charity.

CPRE Sussex is keen to hear how planning application and planning policy decisions will be made whilst face to face meetings of the various planning committees are suspended, and look forward to this being announced by your Council. We would be looking for the new process to be built around these principles of transparency and democratic accountability:

1. No planning application that would previously have been decided by a committee should be decided using delegated or executive powers;
2. Virtual meetings should be reliably live streamed on video, with speaking rights for public objectors / third party representatives, as with normal committee meetings;
3. The publication by your Council of a report setting out how, under the Covid 19 regulations, it will follow best practice for the involvement of communities, particularly disadvantaged communities and those with less access to technology and broadband;
4. The creation of a designated Council website page, widely promoted that gives adequate notice of and full information on upcoming meetings and consultations, providing clear guidance to communities and third parties on how to take part;
5. The extension of all deadlines attached to the determination of planning applications and responding to consultations;
6. Any decision to submit a draft of the proposed Sites Allocation DPD to the Planning Inspectorate should be the subject of a separate meeting of the appropriate committee that follows these principles and that gives ample time for parish council and public

input.

Please would you let me know when you will be expecting to announce the new Covid-regulation compliant process for deciding planning policy/application matters and whether they will include all the above 6 points.

Yours sincerely

Michael Brown

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