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Dear Sue,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Greater Brighton Metropolitan College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 27 to 28 August 2020. The FE Commissioner's team undertook the assessment following the college's request for emergency funding and the subsequent Notice to Improve (NtI) that was issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in July 2020.

The FE Commissioner has found that Greater Brighton Metropolitan college is facing serious and deep-seated financial and quality challenges, including a significant decline in learner recruitment, marginal performance in certain provision areas and a very weak financial position.

Whilst I am encouraged by the college's recent prompt and decisive actions, I remain concerned by the numerous outstanding issues that threaten the college's immediate and long-term future. I urge you to implement the FE Commissioner's recommendations to secure the college's sustainability, including the development of a new estate plan, the

resolution of teaching and learning issues to achieve a Good Ofsted rating and the urgent preparation of a realistic financial recovery plan.

I have accepted all the recommendations of the FE Commissioner and a copy of the assessment is provided with this letter.

The assessment and my letter will be published on gov.uk. Once confirmed, the intended publication date will be shared with you.

I have written separately to the following local MPs, whose constituencies are served by the college, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

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| • Sir Peter Bottomley MP | Worthing West |
| • Tim Loughton MP | East Worthing and Shoreham |
| • Peter Kyle MP | Hove |
| • Caroline Lucas MP | Brighton, Pavilion |
| • Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP | Brighton, Kemptown |

Yours sincerely,



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