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Dear Lynda

### **Financial Notice to Improve**

On 14 August 2014, I wrote to you to serve notice that Hadlow Rural Community School Trust was required to improve financial management, control and governance at the Trust as a result of our concerns relating to the Trust's delivery of its capital new build project, non-submission of required financial returns and failure to provide an adequate response to our June Financial Management and Governance Evaluation visit recommendations. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtl) set out the actions that needed to be taken by the Trust to make sure the necessary improvements were carried out.

Further to our close monitoring of the Trust's progress including a review meeting in December 2014, I am pleased to inform you that I am content that the FNtl conditions have been met. This includes enhanced financial controls and improved risk management processes. As a result the Financial Notice to Improve will be lifted, with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published, following on from the publication of the FNtl on 22 August 2014. I am copying this letter to the Regional Schools Commissioner.

I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the Trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

Sue Baldwin

Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Group

cc Dominic Herrington, Regional Schools Commissioner, South East and South London