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Dear Jo,

RE: Sussex Resilience Forum

I am writing, on behalf of the Sussex MPs, with regard to the Sussex Resilience Forum and our ability to manage emergency events. Many of us have discussed this issue, between ourselves and the SRF participants, on a number of occasions (notably the COVID response and the recent weather events).

We would be very keen to set up a meeting with you, and other members of the SRF to discuss the matters listed below. We hope that the conversation would be two-way, in order for us to assist with matters you may need from Government to allow for greater reach and delivery.

Matters for discussion:

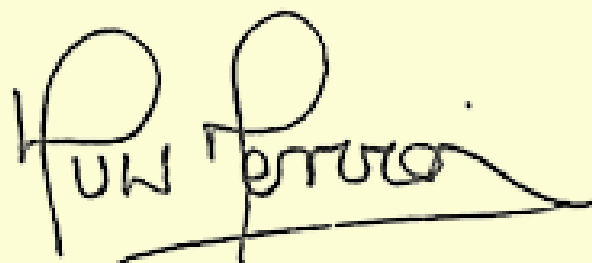
- Which organisation in the SRF plays the lead role in coordinating, arranging and facilitating meetings and responses;
- Membership, staffing and operating hours of the SRF;
- The procedure for raising incidents to SRF level;
- Powers and responsibilities of the SRF;
- The communications from the SRF to the public and other stakeholders (website, social media, mailing);
- Engagement and communication with SRF and their offices (we tend to be on the front line of requests for assistance and communication with organisations);
- Any proposals for change (from lessons learnt, expectation of more extreme events and proposals from Government);
- How the SRF is itself audited; and
- Assistance from Sussex MPs to further strengthen the SRF.

If it assists, I can send over a case study involving the loss of power and water during Storm Eunice.

It would be very helpful to hold a meeting, preferably in person in Westminster, with you to discuss. If it works better for the above points to be folded into a presentation, with resultant Q&A, then this is absolutely fine.

We look forward to hearing from you and to meeting with you to discuss the role of the SRF.

Yours sincerely,



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Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle

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Member of Parliament for Eastbourne

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