ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Jeremy Dufour, Project Manager, South East Water Sent via email:

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Monday 12th August 2019

Dear Jeremy

Thank you for your letter of 30th July, in response to the concerns that we raised in connection with the planned works in the High Street to replace the water mains.

We note the points that you make, however, the fact remains that the scheduled period of works and associated road closures and diversions are unacceptably long for the village community as a whole. We stress that our local traders, so important to the health of the village community, are very seriously threatened by both the duration and uncertainty of the dates. We seriously doubt that some of them will be able to survive this period of restricted visitor access. Once again, we urge you to review your resourcing plans and make a commitment to complete works by 31 March, the point at which the tourist season starts to pick up.

We thank you for your openness to help sponsor a celebratory opening event. We look forward to your response regarding completion dates so that we might start to plan for this.

With regard to the paint marks, these are still clearly visible over much of the High Street. It is indeed unfortunate that the historical nature of our village was not properly taken into account before the survey work was undertaken. We hope that we will be able to avoid damage to our economy by planning the next phase of the project more considerately.

Your sincerely

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Clerk and RFO

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