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Dear Lucy and Stuart

I am writing following the meeting held on Friday 8th May between the Dreamland Trust, TDC and Sands Heritage. The meeting began with only TDC and the Dreamland Trust present, and we had a very useful meeting discussing some of the problems the different groups have experienced. It is clear both parties are committed to this project, but need to work together to deliver it. I accepted that TDC have not included Dreamland Trust in all of the decision making for the project and I reiterated the commitment I gave to you that the council were committed to working with the Dreamland Trust now and in the future.

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I have suggested fortnightly meetings with the Dreamland Trust to update the plan and discuss progress on every aspect of the project. The Dreamland Trust are happy with this proposal. I will arrange for action notes to be taken at these meetings and for those to be forwarded to you as part of our monthly monitoring.

We have agreed to hold some workshop meetings to move our relationship forward and better understand our roles and responsibilities. I was very pleased that the Dreamland Trust have affirmed their desire to meet the commitments of the HLF agreement themselves and we will be looking in the coming weeks at how this can be achieved.

I felt that, although there is still work to do, the meeting was positive and was the first step to rebuilding a positive partnership.

Sands Heritage Leisure joined the meeting and there were further discussions about roles and responsibilities and the requirements of the HLF agreement. It was agreed to remove any clause from the concession agreement regarding SHL providing any of the HLF commitments, and to the Dreamland Trust and TDC working in partnership with you to review the best way to provide the activities which are the responsibility of the Dreamland Trust and to deal with this in the lease.

All parties were very concerned that without an agreement for lease being signed, the project was in real danger of collapse. All of the parties affirmed their commitment to working together to provide a heritage attraction which would have a positive impact on Margate. I have been advised that it may be possible for you to agree to the signing of the agreement of lease now and that the main lease also needs your agreement. By signing the Agreement



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for lease, SHL would be able to complete the works. We can then work with the Dreamland Trust and you to plan how we can ensure our current and future obligations to you are secured. We would plan to work together with the operator to discuss how best to deal with the current and continuing obligations on the Council and the Dreamland Trust to protect Heritage, Education and Local Employment in the lease. I can also confirm that TDC has removed the clauses which you said were unacceptable in your email of 7 May 2015.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether you would be agreeable to TDC signing the agreement for lease with SHL, and continue our work with the Dreamland Trust.

Yours sincerely

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