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Dear Ms Hamilton

**Closure of Northiam Blue Cross Public Meeting**

I am writing further to the public meeting held in Northiam Village Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 at 4.30pm, at which over 200 people attended. I chaired the meeting and read out your prepared statement. I also explained the Blue Cross's position on your behalf, as outlined at the meeting we had at Rose Cottage on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

At our meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February you explained that you and your staff were unable to attend the public meeting, but you told me that you would be prepared to attend a further public meeting if there was a demand for it. You also said that you would prefer to make arrangements for any such meeting yourself. A vote was taken on this matter at the public meeting and it was felt that a meeting with you or your staff was necessary in order for you to address people's concerns. You can book Northiam Village Hall by contacting Mrs Marie Edwards, secretary of the Village Hall Trust on 01797 253264.

The public meeting also asked if you could provide any documentation on the land that Kitty Comport gifted to the League of Dumb Friends (now the Blue Cross). I explained that you had said there were no restrictive covenants on this land. However, people at the meeting wanted documentary evidence of this.

As I understand it, tomorrow a petition with 5000 signatures will be delivered to Mr Steve Goody Senior Manager at the Northiam Blue Cross.

I have emailed a copy of this letter to you.

Yours sincerely

Mervyn Hayes