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Dear Ms Wood

Thank you for your letter about the proposed Stourbridge Campus at Brierley Hill, which was received in my office on 5 November, and congratulations on your appointment as Secretary to BHTCP.

As I hope your members are aware, I have been a strong supporter of Stourbridge College's plans and have met the Principal, Lynette Cutting, a number of times to discuss them. You will know of the funding problems at the Learning and Skills Council which meant that funding from them is not available at this time. I was disappointed to say the least that mismanagement by the LSC has created this situation. However I understand the College are exploring other options and if there is any way I can be of support to this exciting project I will certainly do all I can to help.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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