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Dear Ms Gooden

**Sevenoaks District Council ADM DPD – Supplementary Site Allocations  
consultation March 2012. GSK, Powder Mills, Leigh**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document. The site in Appendix 1, Glaxo Smith Kline, Powder Mills, Leigh is of particular interest to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council was consulted in 2003 under Article 10 on an application at this site where GSK sought to increase their operations and increase the number of staff from 233 to approximately 375. At the time, TMBC did not have any policy objections to the proposal but were concerned about the impacts of the development on the local area, particularly the volume and frequency of traffic movement along Powdermill Lane/ Leigh Road and the impacts this would have on the residents of Tonbridge & Malling.

As the proposed use set out in the above document would result in fewer vehicular movements, Tonbridge & Malling have no objections to this allocation. However, as set out in the schedule, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council supports both access routes into the site being retained.

Back in 2003, we also asked that the issue of securing a cycle link between the site and Tonbridge Sports Ground be raised as part of the implementation of the planning permission. While there is a footpath linking these two areas, the Council would welcome the opportunity to seek improvements to the link as part as the allocation and development of the site in due course. This would, of course, contribute to the point in the Appendix 1 schedule about any redevelopment of the site being contingent on the inclusion of accessibility improvements.

Please note these comments are officer-level only and will be reported to Members at the Planning Transportation and Advisory Board on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Any additional comments



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made by Members at the Advisory Board will be passed to you after the 28<sup>th</sup> May for information.

We have no comments to make on any of the other sites, but please do contact me if you have any queries or require further information.

Yours sincerely

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