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Dear M&G Real Estate,

Sovereign Retail Park, Eastbourne, East Sussex

1. We write to you on behalf of the members of our Association to ask about the planned refurbishment of units 1 - 8 of the Sovereign Retail Park.

We understand that planning permission was granted by Eastbourne Borough Council a year ago (EBC Planning Application no. 171472). Since then nothing seems to have happened and the area is beginning to look a little run-down and shabby, and the pathways are rather uneven in places. Are you able to confirm that the proposed improvements to our local retail park will be carried out soon?

2. Local residents and many other people have expressed their disappointment about the proposed closure of the cinema in the retail park (Units 7 & 8). We also think that its closure may adversely affect the numerous restaurants located at the 'The Waterfront', nearby.

May we ask if M&G made any approaches to any other cinema operators to take over the cinema? We note that applications for change of use and alterations to Units 7 & 8 have been approved, but is the closure of the cinema a 'done deal'? We would love to see it remain open.

We look forward to hearing your views on these matters.

Yours sincerely

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