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To whom ever it may concern,

Dear Sirs/Madam

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I am very pleased to support this project.

Hastings is the most deprived town in the south east of England, and the second most deprived town in the county, after Blackpool, and parts of the town are amongst the worst 0.05% in the country. Despite that, or perhaps because of it, we have an incredibly strong community spirit, especially on the large estates, and we are very welcoming to all. Indeed, our 'Hastings Supports Refugees' group does an amazing job whenever migrants land, or are landed, here.

We are also proud of our international links, being officially twinned with towns in five different countries, four in Europe and one in Africa. We also welcome many thousands of international visitors every year, particularly language students, who enjoy the town and the welcome they receive.

I have seen Panelka *phase 1 – the theatre show* myself and found it incredibly powerful and moving and I'm sure very many others would if they were given the opportunity to.

Hastings Borough Council has a strong track record of investing in and supporting culture, and if Hastings were to be successful in securing this project I know it would help enrich the lives of those who call this town home, and who enjoy visiting it.

With best wishes,

Kevin Boorman
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