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Dear Ms Bullock

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

I wish to thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my recent visit. I am particularly grateful to you and all your staff for the hard work involved in preparing for the visit and for giving up your time during the visit to meet me. Please pass on my thanks to all those concerned and your students in particular.

The visit provided much useful evidence for the further development of community cohesion. In particular:

- The excellent and successful work with the very disadvantaged learners on your 'inclusion' and 'access to FE' programmes
- The role of the student liaison team and mentors in sustaining a safe, open and inclusive environment
- The strong strategic alliances with local community groups which enable the college to respond creatively to opportunities to reach disadvantaged groups
- We also discussed the need to develop further the capture and analysis of data in relation to community cohesion to support improvements.

The published survey report will list the names of the contributing institutions in an appendix. Should we wish to cite specific aspects of the good practice observed on this visit in the form of a detailed case study, we will contact the college first. We will notify you of the date of publication of the survey report when it is confirmed and provide you with details of any other arrangements to disseminate the survey's findings.

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector