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Dear Ms Whittle

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Social Responsibility and Community Cohesion

Thank you for your hospitality and co-operation during my recent visit. I am grateful to you and all your colleagues for their work in preparing for the visit, particularly Alison Muggridge. Please pass on my thanks to all those concerned, including of course the learners that we interviewed. The visit provided much useful evidence for the further development of community cohesion. I noted, in particular:

Areas of good practice identified:

- The harmonious ethos in which learners feel safe and feel their views are taken seriously
- The innovative project work that promotes community cohesion
- The extensive English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) provision that encourages citizenship among learners
- The broad range of partnerships and collaborative work that is meeting the needs of hard to reach learners
- The highly inclusive culture that support learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities very well
- A strong focus on meeting the Every Child Matters themes during tutorials.

Point for consideration identified:

- The impact on community (and particularly ESOL) provision resulting from cuts in adult education funding.

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, you will be contacted first. You will be

notified of the date of publication of the survey report when it is confirmed and you will be provided with details of any other arrangements to disseminate the survey's findings.

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector