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Good afternoon

Further to my presentation at the Parish Council Forum, I am writing to tell you that we will be commencing the Future Rutland Conversation on 1st April 2021.

As you know, Rutland is a truly special place. We are keen to support the people of Rutland to develop a Vision for the county to ensure future Rutland retains all its unique characteristics, while being equipped to face the challenges faced by generations to come.

From 1st April to 1st June, we will be asking our residents, businesses and visitors key questions through a survey and a range of virtual discussion events, to understand why they live, work, or visit the county and what they want for future generations who come here.

Over the eight-week period, we will also be hosting fortnightly themed polls and events focussed on key aspects of life in Rutland, from climate change and the environment through to getting around the county. The feedback from these will help us to understand people's views across a range of areas that impact on life in the county.

The responses will then be brought together and used to shape a Vision and set of aspirations to inform future strategies, policies, and services for the county.

You will play a vital role in the delivery of any future Vision, so I would therefore like to invite you to act as a Future Rutland ambassador, to help shape the Vision's development. As an ambassador for Future Rutland, we hope that you would not only help to spread the word about the Conversations, but also input into the Vision. Then ultimately draw on the final Vision to inform how you operate in the County, so we can realise our residents' aspirations for future Rutlanders.

We will also be inviting a core group of stakeholders to review the feedback from our residents to input into the Vision directly. We would like to invite two representatives from the Parish Council Forum to be part of this group. Please let me know who you will be putting forward.

I have attached some slides that detail the plans and the timescales of the work. A toolkit will be circulated in the next week to help you share the Conversation with your communities, and we will keep you updated through the Parish and Town Council Forum.

Thank you for your support.

Many thanks and kindest regards

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