



From the Director-General

21 February 2014

Tracey Crouch MP
House of Commons
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Dear Tracey,

Thank you for getting in touch about the Chatham Studios. I'm very sorry I didn't get back to you sooner, but I hope you received a message from my office that I was dealing with the matter.

I appreciate the point you're making. It is, of course, important to have a presence in the area and I hope we can come up with a way forward to deliver that.

We are keen to maintain a BBC presence in as many communities as possible and we are looking at developing partnerships which will allow more modest facilities to be available in public buildings, for example a local library. At the very least this will include a microphone point for radio interviews or outside broadcasts from the area. I believe Chatham should be one of our highest priorities for such an arrangement and I have asked local management to investigate this possibility.

I also want to reassure you that our Chatham base will be available in the run up to the General Election. It has a lease until the end of this year and we hope it will be possible to extend it beyond May 2015.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Hall', written over a printed name and title.

Tony Hall
Director-General