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Further information on Hailsham Forward's town revitalisation plans can be found on their website: www.hailshamforward.co.uk

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