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Dear James,

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Request for a Scoping Opinion

Land at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate

On behalf of our client, The Southern Consortium, comprised of The Church Commissioners for England and Hanbury Estates Limited, we request Arun District Council's (ADC) formal opinion on the scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') to be submitted in conjunction with a hybrid planning application for the proposed development at the land at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate ('BEW').

The request is made under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 as updated by the Town and Country Planning and Infrastructure Planning (EIA) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (together 'the 2017 EIA Regulations'). It is accompanied by the enclosed 'BEW EIA Scoping Report' (August 2020).

The development falls within Part 10(b) of Schedule 2 of the 2017 EIA Regulations as an urban development project which includes more than 150 dwellings. For Schedule 2 developments, the Regulations require that an EIA be undertaken where the development is 'likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location'.

An EIA of the BEW development will be carried out to ensure that the potential significant environmental effects can be identified, assessed and presented to assist Arun District Council in their consideration of the planning application at the appropriate time.

To assist Arun District Council in forming their scoping opinion, the enclosed Scoping Report provides the following information:-

- 1 Site location and description;
- 2 Description of the nature and purpose of the development;
- 3 Possible environmental effects; and
- 4 Proposed form of the Environmental Statement ('ES').

In considering the content of the ES, we note that the focus of Schedule 4 of the 2017 EIA Regulations is the significant impacts. Other lesser effects need not be considered as part of the EIA process. On that basis,

and following review of those matters specified in the enclosed report, it is considered that the scope of the EIA should include consideration of the following environmental aspects:-

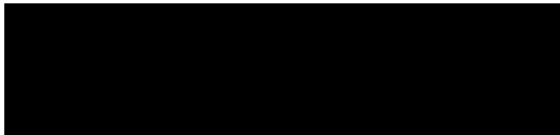
- 1 Transport
- 2 Landscape and Views
- 3 Ecology
- 4 Air Quality
- 5 Noise and Vibration
- 6 Historic Built Environment
- 7 Archaeology
- 8 Water Environment and Drainage
- 9 Socio-Economics
- 10 Climate Change and Resilience

The environmental assessment for each technical aspect will be conducted during both the construction and operational periods of development. Direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects will be addressed as appropriate.

We seek your confirmation as to the scope of the EIA. We trust that the above and the enclosed document provide you with sufficient information to adopt a scoping opinion and we look forward to receiving your opinion as soon as possible within the five weeks allowed by the 2017 EIA Regulations (starting from the date of this submission).

Please contact me, or my colleagues Clare Catherall or Tabitha Knowles, if you require any further information or wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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Simon Slatford
Senior Director