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By e-mail to: Claire.potts@arun.gov.uk

Dear Ms Potts,

Re: Planning Application: WA/48/19/RES. Land to the east of Fontwell Avenue, Fontwell. Potential application of the Hedgerows Regulations 1997.

It has been brought to our attention that this proposed development, if reserved matters under consideration by your Council are approved, could involve the destruction of an important ancient hedgerow along the site boundary. As the original sponsors of the Hedgerows Regulations 1997, any such result would be of particular concern to CPRE. So we write to you now to seek a reassurance from you that your Council will ensure that the Regulations are enforced. References below to “sections” are to sections of the 1997 Regulations. This letter is not intended as a representation as to the merits of the outstanding application itself.

Please would you advise us

1. Whether the hedgerow concerned is one to which section 3 applies; and, if not, the basis for your conclusion that it is not;
2. If you accept that the hedgerow is covered by section 3, whether it is an “important” hedgerow for the purposes of sections 4 and 5(5); and, if not, why not;
3. Whether your Council has received an appropriate notice from the owner in terms of section 5(1)(a) and, if so, please would you tell us the date on which it was given and provide us with a copy of that notice and its required attachments;
4. That the parish council involved has been consulted to its reasonable satisfaction;
5. Whether your Council has satisfied itself on evidence that the hedgerow is not being used by dormice as a link route between habitats;
6. How your Council has responded to the owner’s notice (if any), or proposes to respond; and, in particular whether a hedgerow retention notice has been or will be served on the owner and, if not, why not; and
7. If any hedgerow works to which section 6(1) applies are to be permitted, what those permitted works will consist of, and confirm that they will be assured through an appropriate planning condition along with a condition that a new hedge will be planted within 8 months to replace any existing hedging that is removed.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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