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Dear Mr Wetherill,

Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

Land at Wellcross Farm Lyons Road Slinfold West Sussex

Thank you for your email dated 7 June 2019 requesting that the Council provide a formal Screening Opinion to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required in respect of the forthcoming planning application for a Continuing Care Retirement Community via C2 planning use, proposing up to 150 apartments, incorporating on-site facilities including a restaurant/café, spa, and wellness centre.

Following a review of the information provided, this Council consider the proposals to fall under Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations, item 10b (Urban Development Projects). The proposal exceeds the criteria outlined in Schedule 2 of the Regulations, and is therefore necessary to consider whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. In making this assessment the Council has taken into account Schedule 3 of the EIA regulations paying attention to the development characteristics, location and nature of the impacts. The results of this assessment are included with this letter for information. When forming this Screening Opinion, the Council has drawn on information set out in the Screening Request and other available guidance.

The proposed development does not adjoin any nature conservation or landscape designations. Parts of the north and east of the site are identified as being at risk from flooding. Whilst it is considered that there are likely to be impacts which arise from the development, particularly those on ecology, transport and construction works, these are not so significant that they need to be dealt with outside from the normal planning application processes.

On balance, it is considered that the overall scale and nature of the impacts that would arise from the scheme do not require an EIA, and that the environmental issues arising from the development can be dealt with as part of the usual planning application process.

I confirm that this letter forms Horsham District Council's formal screening opinion and will be placed on the public register.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Porter
Senior Planning Officer