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Our ref: EIA/26/0004
Your ref: 19.139/9.Applications
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Dear Owen Jones,

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

Screening Opinion Land to the West of Billinghamurst

Thank you for your request dated 13 March 2026 that the Council provide a formal Screening Opinion to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required regarding the proposed development as outlined in your cover letter 13 March 2026 Ref: 19.139/9.Applications

Following a review of the information provided, this Council considers the Proposed Development 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 considered 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 your Screening Request and other available guidance.

The size and nature of the Proposed Development, considered cumulatively with other projects, mean impacts are not confined to the site and impact land beyond. Significant Impacts arise to the settlement of Billinghamurst in its entirety and the local highway network beyond, The Mens SAC including ammonia issue, Arun Valley Sites, and South Downs National Park setting including lighting and Dark Skies Reserve.

The Council's assessment identifies that this Project would rise to significant environmental effects in the proposed location, and in this case, EIA is required.

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
Principal Planning Officer