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Dear Inspector,

Hearing Statement on Matter 3, Issue 2 – Question 1 - Is Strategic Policy 9: Water Neutrality sound?

Obo Sandgate Henfield Developments Ltd – Draft Allocation HNF1: Land at Sandgate Nurseries

Since the 2021 Position Statement from Natural England, developers have sought to bring forward housing on sites within the Water Protection Zone with bespoke solutions, with no strategic off-setting scheme in place.

In the case of Draft Allocation HNF1, the current planning application proposes the use of groundwater abstraction from a private water supply. The impact of the proposed abstraction on the water balance of the River Arun will be zero. It is welcomed that the potential for a Private Water Supply solution is recognised within Policy 9 (part 6) and at paragraph 5.36 of the Submission Plan, and it is welcomed that the 85 litres restriction is in relation to mains supplied water.

Whilst the overall policy is considered to be sound, it would be helpful for the policy or further explanation to the policy to set out the criteria/ principles which will be used to consider the acceptability of alternative water supplies to provide more clarity and certainty to applicants.

Yours sincerely,



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