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Dear Mr Chalk,

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

Ewhurst Manor, Brighton Road, Shermanbury, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 8HG

I refer to your request 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 ground mounted solar farm with all associated works, equipment and infrastructure.

Following a review of the information provided, the Council considers the proposals to fall under Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations, item 3(a) (industrial installations for the production of electricity). The scale and nature of the proposal exceeds the criteria outlined in Schedule 2 of the Regulations, and it 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.

On balance, it is not considered that the scale and nature of the impacts that would arise from the scheme would require an EIA.

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

Yours sincerely

Sam Whitehouse
Senior Planning Officer