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Dear Sir / Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (SI 571/2017) ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')

Appeal by: Miss S Hammond

Site Address: Land at Southview Terrace, Henfield

I refer to the above appeal. The Secretary of State has considered the application in accordance with Regulation 14 (1) of the above Regulations.

The development proposed, namely, erection of a detached dwelling with attached car port, falls within the description at 10 (b) of Schedule 2 to the above Regulations. In the opinion of the Secretary of State, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above Regulations, the proposal would not be likely to have significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The threshold criteria at 10 (B) of Schedule 2 to the above Regulations are not exceeded, however the proposed development is within the zone of influence of the Arun Valley Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site, and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) located c. 15.7km west.

The designated sites are vulnerable to an increase in groundwater abstraction as a result of an increase in water demand from an increase in the local residential population. The appellant has provided a Water Neutrality Report (June 2023) which details the proposed measures to reduce water usage to ensure the proposed development is water neutral, including the use of water reducing appliances and rainwater harvesting.

Considering the nature, scale and location of the proposed development and nature of the receiving environment, whilst there may be some impact on the surrounding area and nearby designated sensitive areas as a result of this development, it would not be of a scale and nature likely to result in significant environmental effects.

This direction does not affect any duties of the appellant under other legislation, including The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by Regulations 14(1) and 7(5) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State hereby directs that this development is not Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development.

Under regulation 28(1) of the above Regulations, the relevant planning authority must take steps to secure that this screening direction is placed on the part of the Planning Register which relates to the application in question. I would be grateful if you could do so to ensure that the Secretary of State's view is publicly available.

(This direction does not affect any duties of the appellant under other legislation, including The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.)

Yours faithfully

Hafren Thomas

Hafren Thomas
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(Signed with the authority of the Secretary of State)

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