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Dear Sir/Madam

Reference: DM/26/0330

Proposal: Creation of a new welcome centre within the existing Narthex of the church and associated access changes within the external landscape, the creation of a library space within the existing refurbished ambulatory, the refurbishment of all WCs and installation of a new roof condenser unit

Location: Worth Abbey Paddockhurst Road Turners Hill Crawley

I am writing with regard to the above application.

The Council is required to determine whether the application should be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

The site is within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which is defined as a sensitive area in regulation 2(1). In the opinion of the Local Authority, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on the environment by virtue of the factors such as its nature, size and location.

Accordingly the Local Authority directs that the development for which planning permission is sought by the application reference number DM/26/0330 is not EIA development. Consequently, no Environment Impact Assessment is required to be submitted with the planning application.

Yours faithfully



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