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Dear Mr King

T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 & Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

**LAND SOUTH AND WEST OF UPPER IMBERHORNE SCHOOL, IMBERHORNE
LANE, EAST GRINSTEAD, WEST SUSSEX
Application No. DM/26/0131**

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above Planning Application.

Historic England Advice

Historic England previously provided comments on a Hybrid Application (DM/23/2699) relating to this site in our letter dated 15th December 2023.

In that letter, we considered that the proposals would cause harm to the significance of Imberhorne Farm Cottages (grade II* listed), Gullege Farm (grade II* listed) and Imberhorne Farmhouse (grade II listed), through large scale development within their rural setting.

We highlighted ways that the harm could be reduced. Relevant to this Reserved Matters application, we advised this could be achieved by providing more substantial landscape buffers along the northern length of the bridleway PRow44bEG and along the eastern side of PRow 40aEG to screen the development on the approaches to Gullege and to reduce noise and light intrusions.

We note that a relatively large landscape buffer has been provided at the western and eastern ends of the northern edge of the bridleway, however it narrows for quite an extent towards the centre of the site.

Providing a continuously wide buffer would help reduce some of the harmful impacts of the proposed development on the significance of the listed buildings.



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Recommendation

We recommend that a wide landscape buffer is provided for the full extent of the southern boundary of the development area and which is the same width as that proposed for the eastern and western ends.

This should be planted as densely as possible (with appropriate native Wealden species) to help to reduce the harm to the listed building caused by the proposals and to maintain a semblance of their rural setting.

Yours sincerely,

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