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Dear Mr King

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

**Land At Hurst Farm Hurstwood Lane Haywards Heath West Sussex
Application No. DM/26/0682**

Thank you for your letter of 02 September 2026 regarding further information on the above application for planning permission. On the basis of this information, we offer the following advice.

Historic England Advice

Historic England previously provided advice on this application in our letter dated 2nd April 2026. This letter should be read in conjunction with our previous correspondence, which lays out the significance of Hurst Farmhouse (grade II* listed), background to our position and relevant policy in greater detail.

In our last letter, we raised concerns regarding the proposed design of the open area to the south of Hurst Farmhouse which would incorporate 'Hillside Park.' The proposed use and design for this area we felt would create a suburban character that relates more to the proposed housing development rather than one that relates to the listed farmhouse. We recommended amendments were made to the design of this space to create a more informal, rural character.

These recent amendments do not address our concerns as a similar landscape layout appears to be shown to that previously. We are not clear why it is proposed to create a suburban park within this land and see it as retrograde step compared to the outline stage. This open space was always intended to help reduce harm to the significance of the Hurst Farmhouse from the proposed development by providing a remnant of its former rural setting. Instead, it will now appear as a farmhouse with a large suburban housing estate.



Therefore, on the basis of the amendments provided, we do not wish to offer any additional comments but refer you to our last letter 2nd April 2026 in consideration of this application.

Yours sincerely

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