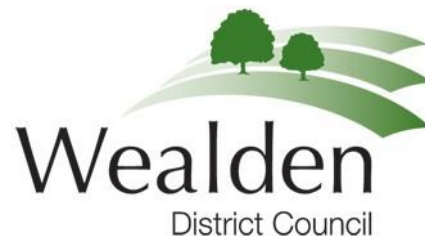


OUR REF: MIT/WD/2025/8008/AA
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YOUR REF: DM/25/1650



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Head of Planning and Environmental Services

Dear Ms Fisher

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

**Re: Adjoining Authority Consultation Ref. WD/2025/8008/AA
DEMOLITION OF THE REMAINING PARTS OF THE REDUNDANT BUILDINGS IN THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN PART OF THE SITE; THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SPECIALIST DEMENTIA CARE HOME (USE CLASS C2); THE RETENTION OF AN EXISTING ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY (ABI) UNIT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SITE (USE CLASS C2); A RETAINED ACCESS FROM PLAWHATCH LANE, AND ASSOCIATED CAR AND CYCLE PARKING AND LANDSCAPING
HORNCastle CARE CENTRE, PLAWHATCH LANE, SHARPThorNE, EAST GRINSTEAD**

I refer to the above mentioned application, which was considered in accordance with the Council's approved scheme of delegation on 21 July 2025.

I am now able to advise you that this Council RAISE NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to:

1. Wealden District Council draws the attention of Mid Sussex District Council to the presence of Ancient Woodland and Priority Habitat adjacent to the site. Mid Sussex District Council will therefore need to assess the proposal for potential arboricultural and ecological impacts.

Mid Sussex District Council will also need to carry out an Appropriate Assessment under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

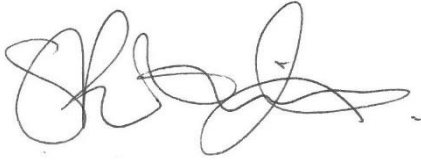
However, the duty to assess the acceptability of the development's impacts – and to secure any necessary avoidance or mitigation measures – ultimately lies with Mid Sussex District Council in its role as local planning authority.



Notwithstanding the above comments, the development would not cause significant adverse impacts on Wealden District Council's strategic planning objectives and, as a result, no objections are raised.

I trust that this information is sufficient and would be very grateful if you would advise this Department of any forthcoming decision.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Planning & Environmental Services