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Subject: LW/25/0071 and DM/25/0827 - Land east of Lunce's Hill, Haywards Heath

Dear James, Steven,

I hope you're well.

I write to provide an update on the above application(s) following receipt of the consultation comments submitted over the last few weeks.

The design team is in the process of finalising the revised indicative layout, which seeks to address the comments and concerns raised where possible and this will also include further drainage modelling which will take into account the most recent modelling data released by the Environment Agency this spring. As such, the submission will also include the final extent of drainage infrastructure proposed to mitigate and improve the management of the Pellingford Brook.

A further change will involve the tightening of the proposed use of the retained barn to a community use only (Use Class F2) as we would expect this type of use to require minimal changes to the internal areas of the building. To aid with the further assessment of the application in heritage terms, the external changes expected to be required to make the building more usable, if they are indeed necessary, will be outlined in our submission along with a response on all other matters raised by the Conservation Officer.

In terms of timescales, we are expecting to be in a position to submit the revised plans pack for re-consultation in mid June, therefore as already discussed with you Steven, we would like to request an extension of time until **31st July** to allow this process to be concluded.

We are also very keen to arrange a joint meeting to discuss the status of the application and next steps in its determination, so I would be grateful to have your availability for this in the next few weeks.

Overall we continue to view the site as a suitable location for growth in light of the strategic planning context in both authorities, given its general alignment with Lewes District Council's Interim Policy Statement (aside from the requirement for the settlement to be within the district boundary), strategic growth already seen to the south of Haywards Heath and position in a location which has previously been concluded to be accessible by Mid Sussex.

If you have any questions or comments at all in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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