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Dear Sir/Madam

Reference: DM/25/1650

Proposal: 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.

Location: Horncastle Care Centre Plawhatch Lane Sharpthorne East Grinstead

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/25/1650 is not EIA development. Consequently, no Environment Impact Assessment is required to be submitted with the planning application.

Yours faithfully



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