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Dear Ms Brocklebank

Mid Sussex DC Site Allocations DPD Statement of Common Ground

Further to your email of 15 July 2020 and our subsequent telephone conversation (on 21 July) I write to confirm that although Historic England does not yet think it is appropriate to sign up to a formal duty to co-operate statement at this time, we are pleased to provide a 'letter of comfort' relating to the matters raised in your email that arise from Historic England's representations on the draft Site Allocations DPD at Regulation 18 stage.

We note and welcome the steps taken throughout the site selection process to assess potential sites for heritage impacts as set out in your email. We note also that the Council's conservation officer has been involved throughout the preparation of the Site Allocation DPD, and has advised on the potential impacts of development on heritage assets. This relates to our representation on this matter and ameliorates our concern in this respect.

In relation to the specific concerns raised in relation to the site allocation at Imberhorne Farm (SA20), I can confirm that Historic England has been involved in discussions on this major site with the site promoter and is encouraged by the suggestions being made with regard to changes to the masterplan to lessen the impact on the setting of heritage assets. While there may be some issues still to address in relation to the proposals for this site, we are content that as far as they relate to our previous representations on the draft Site Allocations DPD we expect to be in a position to significantly revise our position at Regulation 19 stage of the plan consultation.

I suggest that when we have been able to assess that revised policies as set out in the Regulation 19 stage draft DPD, which you have indicated will be consulted upon shortly, we will be in a position to discuss the terms of the Statement of Common Ground between the Council and Historic England. I hope this response provides the comfort you need to progress matters at this stage.



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These comments are based on the information provided by you at this time and for the avoidance of doubt does not reflect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to, any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this or later versions of the plan and which may, in our view, have adverse effects on the historic environment.

Yours sincerely

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