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TO

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL (4)

**PLANNING OBLIGATION
BY WAY OF UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING**

Pursuant to Section 106 of the
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Relating to land at []
West Sussex

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West Sussex
RH16 1SS

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THIS DEED is dated the

day of

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BETWEEN

- (1) [] of [] [incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number [] whose registered office is at [] (**“the Owner”**)
- (2) [] of [] [incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number [] whose registered office is at [] (**“the Mortgagee”**)
- (3) [] of [] [incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number [] whose registered office is at [] (**“the Developer”**)

TO

- (4) **MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL** of Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS (**“the District Council”**)

BACKGROUND

- (A) The Owner is the freehold owner of the Land with title absolute.
- (B) [The Land is subject to a legal mortgage dated [] in favour of [the Mortgagee] and subject to an agreement dated [] between the Owner and the Developer].
- (C) The District Council is the local planning authority for the purposes of the Act for the area in which the Land is situated.
- (D) [On [] the District Council issued the Approval.]
- (E) The Owner has made the Application to carry out the Development.
- (F) As the Development is located within the 7km zone of influence surrounding the SPA, the Development generates a need for financial contributions towards the Joint SAMM Strategy and the SANG Strategy in accordance with Policy DP17 of the District Plan and having regard to the Habitats Regulations which would not be generated but for the Development.
- (G) As required by the Habitats Regulations, the District Council, as competent authority has undertaken a Habitats Regulations Assessment of the implications of the project for the SPA in view of that site’s conservation objectives. The District Council concludes the Development with mitigation would not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the SPA and considers that suitable contributions towards the Joint SAMM Strategy and the SANG Strategy are therefore required.
- (H) [The District Council has resolved at [Planning Committee] on the [] day of [] that Planning Permission should be granted for the Development subject to the completion of this Deed and to the conditions to which the Planning Permission is expressed to be subject.] **OR** [In

the event of the District Council [resolving to grant] [granting] Planning Permission for the Development it will be subject to the completion of this Deed and to the conditions to which the Planning Permission is expressed to be subject.] **OR** [The Appeal has been submitted in respect of the District Council's refusal of the Application.]

- (I) The Owner, [the Mortgagee] [and the Developer] [has / have] agreed to enter into this Deed to give the following obligations in the manner hereinafter appearing.

AGREED TERMS

1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1. In this Deed the following expressions shall unless the context otherwise requires have the following meanings:

Act means the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended;

[Appeal] means a planning appeal submitted by [] in respect of the District Council's refusal of planning permission for the Development which has been given the reference [] by The Planning Inspectorate];

Application [means the application for [full / outline] planning permission for the Development which was validated by the District Council on [] and allocated reference [DM/]] or [means the application under reference [] for an approval under Regulation 77 of the Habitats Regulations in accordance with Informative [] of the Approval];

[Approval] means the prior approval for the Development which was granted by the District Council on [] and allocated reference []];

Ashdown Forest SAMM Contribution means the sum of [] pounds (£) calculated in accordance with the Joint SAMM Strategy [and subject to adjustment by the application of Indexation];

Commencement Date means the date on which the Commencement of the Development begins;

Commencement of the Development means the carrying out of a material operation pursuant to the [Planning Permission] or [Approval] as defined in section 56(4)

of the Act and all references to **Commence the Development** shall be construed accordingly;

[Commencement Notice

means the written notice confirming the Commencement Date referred to in clause [4.1] and served in accordance with clause [15];]

Default Interest Rate

means 4% per annum above the base rate of the Bank of England and **Interest** shall be construed accordingly;

Development

means the development of the Land by [] as set out in the Application and authorised by the [Planning Permission] or [Approval];

District Plan

means the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031 adopted by the District Council on 28th March 2018;

Habitats Regulations

means Part 6 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1012) (as amended);

[Index Linked

means linked to movements in the RPI Index between the date hereof and the date of actual payment so that the particular payment is adjusted in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Amount Payable} = \text{Relevant Amount} \times (A/B)$$

Where:

Relevant Amount = the payment to be RPI Indexed

A = the figure for the RPI Index which applied when the RPI Index was last published prior to the date that the Relevant Amount is paid under this Deed

B = the figure for the RPI Index which applied when the RPI Index was last published prior to the date hereof and **Indexation** shall be construed accordingly];

Joint SAMM Strategy

means the Joint Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy approved by the District Council and dated 19th March 2020 or any successor strategy;

Land

means the land against which this Deed may be enforced known as [] which is registered at HM Land Registry under

title number [] and is shown for identification purposes only edged red on the Plan;

[Planning Permission means [the planning permission granted by the District Council pursuant to the Application]; **OR** [the planning permission if granted on Appeal by or on behalf of the Secretary of State pursuant to the Application];]

[RPI Index means the Retail Prices (All Items) Index as published by the Office for National Statistics or (if such index is at the relevant time no longer published) such other comparable index or basis for indexation as the District Council may specify];

SANG means the Suitable Alternative Nature Greenspace to be provided within Mid Sussex in accordance with the SANG Strategy;

SANG Contribution means the sum of [] pounds (£) calculated in accordance with the SANG Strategy [and subject to adjustment by the application of Indexation];

SANG Land means an area of land known as the East Court & Ashplats Wood SANG situated within Mid Sussex which is within the leasehold ownership of the District Council, which has been designated as SANG Land as identified by the Strategy;

SANG Strategy the East Court & Ashplats Wood SANG Strategy adopted by the District Council on the 20th October 2014;

[Secretary of State means the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government or other minister or other authority for the time being having or entitled to exercise the powers conferred on the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government by the Act];

SPA means the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (being a designated European site under the Habitats Regulations);

Working Day means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a bank holiday or a public holiday in England;

- 1.2. Clause headings shall not affect the interpretation of this Deed.
- 1.3. A person includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).
- 1.4. A reference to a company shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, whether and however incorporated or established.
- 1.5. Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.
- 1.6. Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.
- 1.7. Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.
- 1.8. References to clauses and Schedules are the clauses and Schedules of this Deed.
- 1.9. Where an obligation falls to be performed by more than one person, the obligation can be enforced against every person so bound jointly and against each of them individually.
- 1.10. References to the District Council [the Mortgagee, the Developer] and the Owner shall include the successors in title and assigns of each party including any local authority successor.
- 1.11. Any obligation on a party not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done.

2. STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 2.1. This Deed is made pursuant to section 106 of the Act, section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other enabling powers.
- 2.2. The covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in this Deed are planning obligations for the purposes of section 106 of the Act and are entered into by the Owner [the Mortgagee and the Developer] with the intention that they bind their interests in the Land and their respective successors and assigns.
- 2.3. The covenants, restrictions and obligations contained in this Deed are enforceable by the District Council in accordance with section 106 of the Act.

3. CONDITIONALITY

[If paying on completion: This Deed shall come into effect immediately upon completion of this Deed] **OR** *[If paying on Commencement:* This Deed shall come into effect immediately upon completion of this Deed save for the provisions of clause [4] which is conditional upon the grant of Planning Permission].

4. COVENANTS TO THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Owner covenants with the District Council:

- 4.1. [To give the Commencement Notice to the District Council not less than 10 Working Days before the Commencement Date;]
- 4.2. To pay to the District Council [the Ashdown Forest SMM Contribution upon completion of this Deed;] **OR** [the Ashdown Forest SMM Contribution which shall be Index Linked together with any Interest due pursuant to [Clause 10] prior to the Commencement Date;]
- 4.3. [Not to Commence the Development unless and until the Ashdown Forest SMM Contribution has been paid to the District Council together with any Indexation and Interest payable under this Deed.]
- 4.4. To pay to the District Council [the SANG Contribution upon completion of this Deed;] **OR** [the SANG Contribution which shall be Index Linked together with any Interest due pursuant to [Clause 10] prior to the Commencement Date;]
- 4.5. [Not to Commence the Development unless and until the SANG Contribution and any Indexation and Interest payable under this Deed has been paid to the District Council.]

5. [MORTGAGEE'S CONSENT

- 5.1. The Mortgagee consents to the completion of this Deed and acknowledges and declares that from the date of this Deed its interest in the Land shall be bound by the terms of this Deed.
- 5.2. The Mortgagee, when acting as a mortgagee in possession under the terms of their charge, shall not be personally liable for any breach of the obligations in this Deed unless committed or continuing at a time when the Mortgagee is in possession of all or any part of the Land in which case it too will be bound by the obligations as if it were a person deriving title from the Owner.]

6. [DEVELOPER'S CONSENT

The Developer consents to the completion of this Deed and declares that its interest in the Land shall be bound by the terms of this Deed.]

7. RELEASE

No person shall be liable for any breach of any of this Deed after parting with all of its interest in the Land, except in respect of any breach subsisting prior to parting with such interest.

8. LOCAL LAND CHARGE

This Deed is a local land charge and shall be registered as such by the District Council.

9. THE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S COSTS

The Owner shall pay to the District Council on or before the date of this Deed:

- 9.1. the District Council's reasonable legal costs together with all disbursements incurred in connection with the preparation, negotiation and completion of this Deed; and
- 9.2. the sum of £300 as a contribution towards the District Council's costs of monitoring the implementation of this Deed [to be paid within 10 Working Days of the Planning Permission being granted]

and for the avoidance of doubt the costs referred to in this clause [9] do not constitute or purport to constitute planning obligations for the purposes of Section 106 of the Act and are payable pursuant to the other statutory provisions referred to in clause 2.

10. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT

If any sum or amount has not been paid to the District Council by the date it is due, the Owner shall pay the District Council interest on that amount at the Default Interest Rate (both before and after any judgment). Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis for the period from the due date to and including the date of payment.

11. OWNERSHIP

- 11.1. The Owner warrants that no person other than the Owner [the Mortgagee and the Developer] has any legal or equitable interest in the Land.
- 11.2. The Owner agrees to give the District Council immediate written notice of any change in ownership of any of its interests in the Land occurring before all the obligations under this Deed have been discharged, such notice to give details of the transferee's full name and registered office (if a company, or usual address if not) together with the area of the Land or unit of occupation purchased by reference to a plan.

12. NO FETTER OF DISCRETION

Nothing (contained or implied) in this Deed shall fetter or restrict the District Council's statutory rights, powers, discretions and responsibilities.

13. WAIVER

No failure or delay by the District Council to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Deed or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

14. AGREEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

The Owner [the Mortgagee] [and the Developer] agree that:

- 14.1. Nothing in this Deed constitutes a planning permission or an obligation to grant planning permission;

- 14.2. This Unilateral Undertaking constitutes a Deed;
- 14.3. Insofar as any clause or clauses of this Deed are held (for whatever reason) to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Deed;
- 14.4. [this Deed shall cease to have effect (insofar only as it has not already been complied with) if the Planning Permission shall be quashed, revoked or otherwise withdrawn or (without the consent of the Owner) it is modified by any statutory procedure or expires prior to the Commencement of the Development;] **OR** [this Deed shall cease to have effect (insofar only as it has not already been complied with) if the Planning Permission shall be quashed, revoked or otherwise withdrawn or (without the consent of the Owner) it is modified by any statutory procedure or expires prior to the commencement of the Development (which for the purposes of this clause shall mean the carrying out of a material operation pursuant to the Application as defined in section 56(4) of the Act);]
- 14.5. Nothing in this Deed shall prohibit or limit the right to develop any part of the Land in accordance with a planning permission (other than the Planning Permission) granted (whether or not on appeal) after the date of this Deed;
- 14.6. If the Owner fails to give the notice required by clause [4.1] above then the District Council shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to determine the Commencement Date and shall give notice to the Owner of the District Council's determination;
- 14.7. Subject to the proviso to this clause, in the event that any new planning permission(s) are granted by the District Council after the date of this Deed in relation to an application to remove and/or vary condition(s) attached to the Planning Permission pursuant to Section 73 of the Act ("Section 73 Consent"):
- 14.7.1. the obligations in this Deed (including the Schedule(s) hereto) shall relate to and bind any subsequent Section 73 Consent and the Land without the automatic need to enter into any subsequent deed of variation/supplemental deed to this Deed or new obligation pursuant to Section 106 of the Act; and
- 14.7.2. the definitions of Application, Planning Permission and Development (other than for the purposes of the Background) in this Deed shall be construed to include reference to (respectively) any application(s) under Section 73 of the Act, any Section 73 Consent granted thereunder and any development permitted by such subsequent Section 73 Consent; and
- 14.7.3. any Section 73 Consent shall include a condition/informative substantially in the following form:
- "The obligations under the planning obligation by way of Agreement dated [] pursuant to the previous application [] will be equally applied to and satisfy the requirements necessitated under this application []".

14.7.4. it is hereby agreed and declared by the parties hereto that nothing in this clause shall fetter the discretion of the District Council in determining any applications under Section 73 of the Act and the appropriate planning obligations required in connection with the determination of the same and the District Council reserves the right to insist upon the completion of any subsequent deed of variation / supplemental deed to this Deed or new obligation pursuant to Section 106 of the Act in connection with any Section 73 applications if the District Council considers it desirable to do so.

14.8. the District Council retains control, possession and overall management of the SANG Land, so long as they hold a proprietary interest in the SANG Land, and the Owner/ Mortgagee/ Developer] acknowledge[s] that this Deed does not confer on the [Owner/ Mortgagee/ Developer] proprietary rights or interest of any kind.

15. NOTICES

15.1. Any notice required by this Deed shall be in writing and addressed to the Section 106 Monitoring Team of the District Council at the address of the District Council given herein.

15.2. Any notice may be given by one of the following means and shall be deemed to be served as described unless the actual time of receipt is proved:

(a) by first class post deemed served two Working Days after posting;

(b) by hand deemed served on signature of a delivery receipt provided that if delivery occurs before 9.00am on a Working Day, the notice will be deemed to have been received at 9.00am on that day, and if delivery occurs after 4.00pm on a Working Day, or on a day which is not a Working Day, the notice will be deemed to have been received at 9.00am on the next Working Day; or

(c) through a document exchange deemed served on the first Working Day after the day on which it would normally be available for collection by the addressee.

16. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

It is agreed that nothing in this Deed shall be construed as expressly providing a right for any third party within the meaning of the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and nothing in this Deed is intended to confer on any third party (whether referred to herein by name class description or otherwise) any benefit or any right to enforce any provision of this Deed.

17. DELIVERY

The provisions of this Deed (other than this clause which shall be of immediate effect) shall be of no effect until this Deed has been dated.

18. GOVERNING LAW

This Deed shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of England.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have duly executed this Deed on the day and the year first before written

[Executed as a Deed by

[NAME]

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in the presence of:-

Signature of witness

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Name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

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Address

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Occupation

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[Executed as a Deed by

[COMPANY NAME]

acting by [NAME], [a director] and

[NAME], [a director/Secretary]

Director

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Director/Secretary

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[Executed as a Deed by

[COMPANY NAME]

acting by [NAME],

.....

a [director]

[Director]

in the presence of:-

Signature of witness

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Name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

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Address

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Occupation]

[Executed as a Deed by
affixing the Common Seal of

[COMMON SEAL]

[COMPANY NAME]

in the presence of:-

Director

Director/Secretary]

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