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For Attention of Adrian Redfern
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By Email

CC to Marcus Berrisford ESCC Waste Team

Deposit of waste on Land at Sweethayes Farm, Hurst Green

Dear Adrian Redfern

This is to update you about the above site and to respond to the questions raised in your email of the 20 September 2023 and in addition to the interim email sent to you on the 27 September 2023.

Following a meeting to discuss this case with my Enforcement Team Leader and a Senior Planning Manager at Rother District Council, I can advise you as follows.

The Council does not consider that Planning Permission RR/2019/724/P authorised the importation of any significant amount of waste materials onto the site to complete the development. The Approval was for a "Cut and Fill" operation that expressly reduced the need for significant waste material to be imported onto the land to complete the development.

This minimal waste importation is supported by the approved drawings of RR/2019/724/P that included Plan elevations and Section Drawings, (including datum levels), that were submitted by the Developer / Applicant. These drawings demonstrated to the Local Planning Authority that minimal additional waste would be required to complete the development in accordance with the approved plans. It is assessed that any further additional waste required to be imported to the site to complete the development is minimal at this time.

The Local Planning Authority considers that the deposit of 8000 T of waste material spread across the whole field at the site, is not connected with the approved planning permission. It considers that this deposit is a Waste Operation and that this is therefore a matter for the County Waste team or Environment Agency to lead on any enforcement action regarding this deposit.

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The Local Planning Authority do not consider that further waste importation onto the land to the scale of 24700 T, as described in the proposed Bespoke Waste Permit Application is required as part of the approved planning permission and that this Application for a bespoke permit is a waste operation by a company seeking to dispose of waste.

Yours sincerely

M. Bright

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