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Dear Mr Gardiner,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (SI 5711/2017) ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')
SCREENING OPINION REQUEST IN RESPECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORMER COLT INTERNATIONAL PREMISES, NEW LANE, HAVANT, PO9 2LY**

Proposed Development: Residential development (approximately 100 dwellings) on 1.93 hectares and Employment area 0.83 hectares.

Havant Borough Council has considered the request for a screening opinion in accordance with Regulation 6 (1) of the above regulations.

The proposed development comprises Schedule 2 development for which a screening opinion is required as it is an 'Infrastructure Project' comprising 10 (a) 'Industrial estate development project' and 10 (b) 'Urban development project'.

In my opinion, having regard to the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the Regulations and the associated guidance including screening indicative criteria and thresholds, the development would not be likely to have significant effect on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location.

As a result, I can confirm that the development described in your planning application and associated plans and documents **is not EIA development**.

Statement of Reasons:

- The site does not lie within an environmentally sensitive area;
- In relation to applicable thresholds for Schedule 2 development the Employment Area exceeds the 'Applicable thresholds and criteria'. The site is however located within the Built up Area and is currently occupied by industrial buildings over a wider area than the current proposal and within a wider industrial estate. .
- The scale of the employment development would be reduced in relation to the current wider site and is not considered to have an significant effect on the environment.
- In relation to the residential development the development would not exceed the 'Applicable thresholds and criteria' as the proposal is for less than 150 dwellings and the overall area of the development does not exceed 5 hectares.
- Natural England have confirmed that it is their advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far as statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species are concerned, that there are no potential significant impacts.

This letter should be taken as the local planning authority's screening opinion under the Regulations, and I can confirm that I have the delegated authority for issuing this screening opinion.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Biltcliffe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Biltcliffe
Head of Planning