Horsham District Council

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Our ref: DC/25/0809
Your ref:

30 June 2025

Dear Ms Firth,

DC/25/0809 - Notification of intention to issue exemption certificate for caravans and camping.

The notification is submitted by Campfire Companions Club who hold exemption certificates for both caravans and camping in England & Wales. An exemption certificate would be issued for the above site for 1 no. pitch for the 2025 camping season.

Class C of Part 5 Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended relates to the use of land by members of a recreational organisation for the purposes of recreation or instruction, and the erection or placing of tents on the land for the purposes of the use.

For the purposes of Class C, "recreational organisation" means an organisation holding a certificate of exemption under section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936.

Section 269(6) of the Public Health Act 1936 states that:

"If an organisation satisfies the Minister that it takes reasonable steps for securing -

(a) that camping sites belonging to or provided by it, or used by its members, are properly managed and kept in good sanitary condition; and

(b) that moveable dwellings used by its members are so used as not to give rise to any nuisance, the Minister may grant to that organisation a certificate of exemption.

A certificate so granted may be withdrawn at any time, but while in force shall for the purposes of this section have the effect of a licence –

(i) authorising the use as a site for moveable dwellings of any camping ground belonging to, provided by or used by members of, the organisation;

(ii) authorising any member of the organisation to erect or station on any site, and use, a moveable dwelling."

The information submitted confirms that the application site would be used as a Temporary Holiday Site by Campfire Companions Club, who hold a Certificate of Exemption under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. It is thereby outlined that the use of the site for the specified purposes would represent permitted development under Class C of Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended.

Other Matters

Article 3(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended states that:

"Subject to the provisions of this Order and regulations 75 to 78 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (general development orders), planning permission is hereby granted for the classes of development described as permitted development in Schedule 2".

Regulation 75 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 states that:

"It is a condition of any planning permission granted by a general development order made on or after

30th November 2017, that development which -

(a) is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and

(b) is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site,

must not be begun until the developer has received written notification of the approval of the local planning authority under regulation 77 (approval of local planning authority)."

Regulation 77 specifies that an application to the local planning authority as mentioned in regulation 75 must:

(a) give details of the development which is intended to be carried out; and

(b) be accompanied by –

(i) a copy of any relevant notification by the appropriate nature conservation body under regulation 76, and

(ii) any fee required to be paid

Regulation 77(7) of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 states that "in light of the conclusion of the assessment the local planning authority may approve the development only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site".

The requirements of regulations 75 to 78 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 thereby apply to the proposed development. In accordance with these regulations (as specified above), an application must be made to the Local Planning Authority to determine whether the development will not adversely affect the integrity of the Arun Valley protected sites. As outlined within regulation 75, the development as specified within this notification must not begin until written notification of the approval of the Local Planning Authority under regulation 77 has been received. Further information on the Regulation 77 application, including submission details. can be found at:

https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/water-neutrality-in-horsham-district/regulation-77-conservationof-habitats-and-species-regulations.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you however require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact the Case Officer as detailed above.

Yours faithfully



Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control