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Dear Ms Smith

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011 – REQUEST FOR SCREENING OPINION

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2012 and request for a screening opinion in advance of submitting a planning application for the proposed engineering works required to restore the wetland habitats associated with the Latchmore Brook.

In accordance with the above regulations, the Authority is required to adopt a "Screening Opinion" to establish whether the forthcoming application should be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The Authority has considered the information you supplied and is of the opinion that the proposed development does not fall within any of the descriptions provided within Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the above regulations. Consequently, the Authority is of the view that the proposed works do not constitute EIA development as they fall outside the scope of the regulations and an Environmental Statement will not be required.

Notwithstanding the above determination, the Authority would expect any such planning application to be accompanied by a sufficient level of supporting information to address (i) the ecological impacts and benefits of the proposed works, (ii) details of where and how the imported materials would be stored and (iii) an assessment of the related traffic movements and any impacts on the SSSI units and the wider amenity of the surrounding area.

A copy of this letter and the relevant documents are available for public inspection at the Lympington Town Hall, Lympington. If a planning application is subsequently made for the development, this opinion and the related documents will be transferred to part 1 of the planning register with the application.

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I trust that this screening opinion is clear but should you have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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