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Your ref: Y17/1042/SH

Our ref: PCU/RTI/L2250/3198483

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Dear Robert Allen

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**Outline application for up to 150 residential dwellings; commercial uses including hotel use, retail uses and/or restaurant/cafe uses; hard and soft landscaped open spaces, including childrens' play facilities; surface parking; alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access and highway layout; site levelling and groundworks; and all necessary supporting infrastructure and services. Full application for a leisure centre, including associated parking; open spaces; and childrens' play facility.
Site: Princes Parade Promenade, Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent.
Application Number: Y17/1042/SH**

I refer to the above application which has been the subject of third-party requests to call in for determination by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered this case against the call-in policy, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by Nick Boles on 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible.

In deciding whether to call in this application, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead him to conclude, in his opinion that the application should be called in. The Secretary of State has decided not to call in this application. He is

content that it should be determined by the local planning authority. The reason for this decision is that, having regard to the policy on call in, the application does not involve issues of more than local importance justifying the Secretary of State's intervention.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in this application, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether this application is EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The local planning authority responsible for determining this application remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to this proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

Yours sincerely

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