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Dear Sir or Madam

Crawley Submission Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation

Thank you for your email of 9 May 2023 inviting comments on the above consultation document.

As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages of the planning process. This includes formulation of local development policy and plans, supplementary planning documents, area and site proposals, and the on-going review of policies and plans.

Historic England commented on matters relating to the historic environment and heritage assets within the draft Local Plan in our letter of 27 February 2020, and we are content that the objective of the National Planning Policy Framework to set out a positive and clear strategy for the conservation, enjoyment and enhancement of the historic environment (NPPF, Paragraphs 185) has been achieved. We are also pleased to restate our view that, with the revisions included since our last letter, the draft Plan contains strategic policies to deliver the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment in accordance with NPPF, Paragraph 20 d. These points were confirmed in our letter of 29 April 2021 in relation to the Regulation 19 consultation at that time.

We previously requested assurance that an up-to-date evidence base existed for the historic environment elements of the Crawley Local Plan has been prepared. In this respect, we note the publication of the Crawley Heritage Assets Review Overarching Document (January 2021) which updates a number of earlier documents relating to the heritage of the Borough.

We commented separately on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal by letter dated 27 February 2020 and reiterated our views in our letter of 29 April 2021; we are content that the



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the SA Report for the Crawley Local Plan adequately covers the issues that may arise in respect of the potential effects of proposed development sites on heritage assets.

These comments are based on the information provided by you at this time and for the avoidance of doubt does not reflect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to, any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this or later versions of the plan and which may, in our view, have adverse effects on the historic environment.

Yours sincerely

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