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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 - SCREENING OPINION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF 51 UNITS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF 192 DWELLINGS, WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDSCAPING AND RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE ON LAND ADJACENT TO PRIMROSE BANK, LEE STREET AND ASHTON ROAD, OLDHAM.

I refer to your letter dated 13th November 2009.

Please find attached a copy of the Local Planning Authority’s screening opinion in respect of the proposed development.

I confirm that I have the relevant delegated authority to issue this opinion and that a copy will be placed on the public register.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Phil Jobling  
Head of Planning
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999

SCREENING OPINION OF OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 - SCREENING OPINION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF 51 UNITS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF 192 DWELLINGS, WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDSCAPING AND RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE ON LAND ADJACENT TO PRIMROSE BANK, LEE STREET AND ASHTON ROAD, OLDHAM.

A letter to the Council dated 13th November 2009 from Drivers Jonas sets out the case that the above mentioned proposed development does not require the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the provisions of schedule 2 of the above mentioned Regulations and the guidance set out in DETR Circular 02/09 Environmental Impact Assessment.

It is considered that the proposed development is Schedule 2 development by reason of it being an urban development project on an area that exceeds 0.5 hectares in area. However nothing within Schedule 3 suggests that is would be likely to give rise to any significant affects on the environment. Therefore, it is not considered that the proposed development warrants the submission of an EIA as required by the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999.

Under the provisions of the requisite Regulations, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council therefore concurs with the opinion expressed in the letter dated 27th November 2009, that the proposal would not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

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