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Our Ref: APP/K2230/W/24/3339619

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Dear Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (SI 571/2017) ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')

Appeal by Mr & Mrs Usher

Site Address: Land at 1 Gabriel Gardens, Gravesend, Kent DA12 4QD

I refer to the above appeal.

The Secretary of State has considered the application in accordance with Regulation 14 (1) of the above Regulations.

The development proposed is as follows: Erection of part two storey and part single storey side, front and rear extension to create a new dwelling; erection of two storey front extension to existing dwelling, formation of one car parking space in the front garden and formation of vehicle access to existing parking area.

The development proposed falls within the description at 10 (b) of Schedule 2 to the above Regulations. In the opinion of the Secretary of State, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above Regulations, the proposal would not be likely to have significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The Proposed Development is located within the 6km Zone of Influence of the following designated site:

- Thames Estuary & Marshes Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar Site.

Considering the nature, scale and location of the Proposed Development and nature of the receiving environment, whilst there may be some impact on the surrounding area and nearby designated sensitive areas as a result of this development, it would not be of a scale and nature likely to result in significant environmental impact. The threshold criteria at 10 (b) of Schedule 2 to the above regulations are also not exceeded.

The Proposed Development is not EIA Development.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by Regulations 14(1) and 7(5) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State hereby directs that this development is not Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development.

Under regulation 28(1) of the above Regulations, the relevant planning authority must take steps to secure that this screening direction is placed on the part of the Planning Register which relates to the application in question. I would be grateful if you could do so to ensure that the Secretary of State's view is publicly available.

(This direction does not affect any duties of the appellant under other legislation, including The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.)

Yours sincerely

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(Signed with the authority of the Secretary of State)

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