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Mrs Sylvie Franklin

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Dear Mrs Sylvie Franklin

Change of use of building to wedding venue.
Operational Development Construction of Barn without planning permission
Barley Rise Barn, Witherenden Hill, Burwash

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the above. This matter is being dealt with by the Enforcement Team.

A certain amount of research is necessary before the site is inspected. Depending on workload at any one time we would normally aim to carry out an initial inspection within 14 working days of receiving the complaint. It may not always be possible to let you have an indication of how we intend to deal with the matter soon after the 14 days have passed. Planning enforcement can involve complex issues and further research or inspections of the site may be necessary. The following is a brief outline of the planning enforcement process.

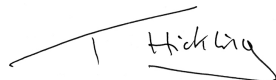
The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPF) contains relevant advice. It makes the point that local planning authorities have a general discretion to take enforcement action when they consider it expedient. The decisive issue is whether the breach of planning control would unacceptably affect public amenity or the existing use of land and buildings meriting protection in the public interest.

It is expected that all the policies contained in the NPPF and in the Council's Core Strategy will be relevant when considering whether to take enforcement action. Of course, policies that restrict development will need to be balanced against those that, for example, promote economic development.

Once the matter has been investigated there are a number of likely outcomes. These are that planning permission is not necessary; planning permission has been granted; a planning application is submitted; enforcement action is taken; or the Council decides it is not expedient to take action. In any event you will be notified of what course of action has been taken. If a planning application is submitted it will be published by way of a site notice and you would be able to comment.

If you require any further information the Council's Planning website, www.rother.gov.uk/planning contains full details of the planning system. For example it describes how planning applications are dealt with and contains more information regarding planning enforcement.

Yours sincerely

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Mr T Hickling
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