THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 SCREENING MATRIX

1. CASE DETAILS			
Case Reference	25/00577/FUL	**Brief description of the project / development**	Enhancement works to Hinchingbrooke Country Park, to include an extension to the existing countryside centre, new car parking (to include new electric vehicle charging), improved access, biodiversity enhancements and other associated improvements and works
Applicant	Huntingdonshire District Council		
LPA	Huntingdonshire District Council		

2. EIA DETAILS	
Is the project Schedule 1 development according to Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations?	No
If YES, which description of development (THEN GO TO Q4)	N/A
Is the project Schedule 2 development under the EIA Regulations?	No
If NO, confirm against each description of development in Column 1.	The development does not fall within any of the Schedule 2 categories: 1(a-e) "Agriculture and aquaculture" 2(a-e) "Extractive industry" 3(a-j) "Energy industry" 4(a-k) "Production and processing of metals" 5(a-f) "Mineral industry" 6(a-c) "Chemical industry" 7(a-i) "Food industry" 8(a-d) "Textile, leather, wood and paper industries" 9 "Rubber industry" 10(a-p) "Infrastructure projects" 11(a-i) "Other projects" 12(a-f) "Tourism and leisure" 13(a-c) "Changes and extensions"
Is the development within, partly within, or near a 'sensitive area' as defined by Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations?	No
If NO, confirm against each "Sensitive area" descriptions in Regulation 2.	"Sensitive area" means any of the following— (a) SSSI There is no SSSI within 1km, the closest being the Portholme SSSI approximately 1.2km south-east of the site and the Brampton Racecourse SSSI approximately 1.4 west of the site (b) National Park The site is not within a National Park (c) The Broads

	The site is not within the Broads (d) World Heritage List There is no property nearby appearing on the World Heritage List (e) Scheduled Monument There is no Scheduled Monument within 1km, the closest being SAM 1006858 approximately 1.5km west of the site (f) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty The site is not within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (g) European sites: There is no SAC or SPA within 1km, the closest being the Portholme SAC approximately 1.3km south-east of the site
Are the applicable thresholds/criteria in Column 2 exceeded/met?	No
If yes, which applicable threshold/criteria?	Not applicable
3. LPA/SOS SCREENING	
Has the LPA or SoS issued a Screening Opinion (SO) or Screening Direction (SD)? (In the case of Enforcement appeals, has a Regulation 37 notice been issued)	No
If yes, is a copy of the SO/SD on the file?	N/A
If yes, is the SO/SD positive?	N/A
4. ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT	
Has the appellant supplied an ES for the current or previous (if reserved matters or conditions) application?	No

5. CONCLUSIONS – ACCORDING TO EIA REGULATIONS SCHEDULE 3
Characteristics of development The proposed development does not fall within any of the categories set out in Schedule 2. **Location of development** The proposed development does not fall within or nearby any Sensitive area as described in Regulation 2. Overall, the probability of a significant environmental impact upon human beings, flora, fauna, soil, water, air and the wider climate is considered to be low given the scale, nature and location of the development. The effects likely to arise, while lasting and irreversible given the permanent nature of the development project, would not extend over a wide area. Cumulative significant environmental effects in

the wider locality are unlikely to extend beyond those already considered by way of the Adopted Local Plan allocation of this land as part of a significantly larger development site. No transboundary impacts are envisaged. It is anticipated that the project could be absorbed into its surroundings without significant environmental effects. In conclusion, it is considered that an Environmental Statement is not required.

6. SCREENING DECISION		
If a SO/SD has been provided do you agree with it?	N/A	
Is it necessary to issue a SD?	No	
Is an ES required?	No	
7. **ASSESSMENT (EIA REGS SCHEDULE 2 DEVELOPMENT)**	**OUTCOME**	
Is likely to have significant effects on the environment	ES required	
<u>Not</u> likely to have significant effects on the environment	ES not required	✓
More information is required to inform direction	Request further info	

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