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Mr S Wilson
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Dear Mr Wilson

Screening Opinion -Town & Country planning (Environmental Impact Assessment - England & Wales Regulations 1999) as amended.

"Redevelopment of the Smiths Medical International site, Military Road, Hythe for a 5731 square metre A1 food retail store together with associated engineering works, car parking, delivery yard and vehicular access"

The development proposed as detailed in your letter dated 23.06.09 has been considered in accordance with Regulation 5(1) of the Town & County Planning (Environmental Impact assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/293) ("the 1999 regulations").

Shepway District Council, the Local Planning Authority, considers that the above development is Schedule 2 Development within the meaning of the 1999 regulations, falling within the scope of "Infrastructure Projects" set out in category 10 of schedule 2. In this particular case Shepway DC **does not** consider the proposal to constitute EIA development for the following reason:

The proposed development constitutes Schedule 2 development under paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 of the 1999 regulations and involves an area of land greater than 0.5 hectares outside of a designated "sensitive area." Applying the selection criteria set out in Schedule 3 of the above regulations it is considered that the development proposed, located upon an existing site that has been intensively developed will not have significant effects on the environment.

Under the circumstances, the proposed development does not need to be accompanied by an environmental statement, as defined in the above Regulations.

Supporting Information:

1. WYG Planning and Design request for Screening Opinion date stamped as received 24.06.2009.

Yours sincerely

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