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Paul,

Here's my response to this application. I'm asking for a landscaping condition ... given that there's no alterations to the access, I've no objection to the redevelopment.

Kind regards,

Keith

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Dear Paul

Uplands, Crete Road East, Folkestone

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning application.

The application site lies at the top of the chalk escarpment overlooking the town of Folkestone. Much of the escarpment is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The SSSI citation explains that the Site is "one of the largest remaining areas of unimproved chalk downland in Kent".

Furthermore, the roadside banks of Crete Road East have been identified as of county wildlife interest for their "excellent range of chalk downland plant species" (citation, Roadside Nature Reserve, SH01).

I have no objection to the redevelopment of the site as proposed. However, I would wish to encourage the applicant to treat the landscaping of the site (and the reptile receptor site to the rear) in a way that reflects the context set by the SSSI and RNR. In this way the biodiversity value of the area can be enhanced.

Thus, if it is mindful to grant permission, I urge the Council to impose a condition that requires a detailed landscaping scheme, based on native species of local provenance, to be submitted for subsequent approval.

Yours sincerely,

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