IMPORTANT: THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (TCPA 1990)

PLANNING CONTRAVENTION NOTICE

Served by: Wealden District Council (the Council)

To:

The Rt Hon Shabana Mahmood MP, Secretary of State for the Home Department, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or Direct Communications Unit, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF. Email: shabana.mahmood.mp@parliament.uk.

The Rt Hon John Healey MP, Secretary of State for Defence, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB. Email: john.healey.mp@parliament.uk.

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Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), St George's House, Defence Infrastructure Organisation Head Office, DMS Whittington, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

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1. PLANNING CONTRAVENTION NOTICE

This is a formal notice served by the Council because it appears that there may have been a breach of planning control, within section 171A(1) of the TCPA 1990, at the land described below. It is served on you as a person who appears to be the owner or occupier of the land or has another interest in it, or who is carrying out operations, in, on, over, or under the land or is using it for any purpose. The Council require you, in exercise of their powers under section 171C(2) and (3) of the TCPA

1990, so far as you are able, to provide certain information about interest in, and activities on, the land.

2. THE LAND TO WHICH THE NOTICE RELATES

Land at CROWBOROUGH ARMY TRAINING CAMP, UCKFIELD ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UB shown edged red on the attached plan (the Land).

3. THE MATTERS WHICH APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE THE BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL

The Council consider there may have been a breach of planning control in respect of the Land in that:

a) Operational development comprising the erection of fencing and the installation of free standing CCTV columns or masts and associated works on Crown land at Crowborough Army Training Camp has occurred without the benefit of planning permission.

b) The Land lies within the High Weald National Landscape and in close proximity to the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Land falls within a SSSI Impact Risk Zone output that indicates that development at this location requires consultation with Natural England.

c) It appears that the development has been or is being carried out without written confirmation to the Council of any reliance on permitted development and without the Council having received any Habitats Regulations or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) material. The Council therefore requires information to establish whether any permitted development relied upon is available having regard to the Habitats Regulations gateway and any EIA requirements.

4. WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

You must provide in writing, the following information:

1. State your interest in the Land (freeholder, lessee, tenant, etc.).

2. If the boundaries of the Land in your ownership extend beyond those shown on the attached plan you are required to mark them on the plan in blue or black pen.

3. Provide the full names and addresses of all/any persons with the following interests in the Land.

    a. Freeholder/owner.
    b. Leaseholder.
    c. Occupier(s) – including any children/dependents.
    d. Mortgagee (if any).
    e. Agent (if any).
    f. Person to whom any rent is paid.
    g. If any of the above operates under a trading name, give the name of the owner and/or partners.
    h. If any of the above is a Limited Company, provide the registered office address.
    i. Provide the names and addresses of all contractors and professional advisers engaged on the works.
    j. State whether held on weekly tenancy, agreement, leasehold, etc.

4. Do you accept that the breach specified in Section 3 above has occurred.

5. If the reply to 4. is no, state <u>all</u> the current uses of/activities in, on, over or under the Land.

6. State the planning status relied upon for the fencing and for the CCTV equipment. If you rely on permitted development, identify the precise provision of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) that you rely upon and explain how all limits and conditions are met.

7. If you rely on Part 2 Class A, provide the maximum height of every section of fencing above ground level, identify whether any section is adjacent to a highway used by vehicular traffic, and provide a plan with measured distances to the highway and to site boundaries.

8. If you rely on Part 19 Class A, explain the operational Crown purpose for the works and identify the limb within Class A that is relied upon. For each CCTV column or mast give the height to the top of the head unit and dimensions of any housing or plant. Confirm how any dimensional limits and conditions

within Class A are met. Provide a plan that shows all columns and fencing runs with spot heights.

9. If you rely on Part 19 Class Q, state the date on which you say development began for the purposes of dealing with an emergency. Provide the Class Q notification that must be given to the Local Planning Authority as soon as practicable after development begins. State the intended date for cessation of the Class Q use and restoration of the land within twelve months unless otherwise authorised. Provide the restoration plan.

10. The site is within the Impact Risk Zone for Ashdown Forest SPA, SAC and SSSI that identifies that any non-householder development requires consultation with Natural England to confirm whether there are likely significant effects on the protected sites. Confirm whether you sought an opinion from Natural England under Regulation 76 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 before commencing the fencing and CCTV works.

    a. If yes, provide Natural England's opinion, the request that was made, and the evidence that was supplied.
    b. If no, explain why Regulation 76 is said not to be required and whether you intend to proceed by an application to the Local Planning Authority under Regulation 77 before any further works.
    c. If you contend that there are no likely significant effects without the need for Regulation 76 or 77, set out your reasons having regard to the scale and nature of the works, and the clear requirement that "development" requires liaison with Natural England (due to proximity to the designated area).

11. State whether the fencing and CCTV form part of a wider project to accommodate asylum seekers at the camp.

12. If yes, confirm whether the Secretary of State has issued an EIA screening direction for that project and provide a copy of the direction and the material relied upon.

13. If no EIA screening direction exists, explain why screening is said not to be required or whether you intend to request a EIA screening direction from the Secretary of State.

14. Confirm whether any of the works are within or adjacent to a watercourse, drainage ditch or culvert on or abutting the Land and provide a plan showing the nearest distances in metres.

15. Describe the measures in place to prevent silt run off, fuel or chemical pollution, and to manage surface water during installation and operation.

16. Confirm whether the Land lies within the High Weald National Landscape and state the distance from the works to the boundary of Ashdown Forest. Provide any screening or assessment you have undertaken in relation to these sensitivities.

17. Describe all fencing that has been installed or is proposed. Include type, material, finish, fixings, foundations, the height at every change point, the total length of each run, and the distance to any highway. Provide a plan and dated photographs showing the location and proposed location of all fencing.

18. Describe all CCTV columns or masts. Include number, exact siting, foundation type, column height, head dimensions, power supply, and any generator or battery. Provide a plan showing the location and proposed location of all CCTV, elevations and specification sheets.

19. Provide the programme for the works including start date, hours of working, delivery routing and traffic management. Provide the name, telephone number and email address of a twenty four hour duty contact for the site.

This information must be provided within twenty-one days, beginning with the day on which this notice is served on you.

5. OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE

If you wish to make an offer to apply for planning permission, or to stop carrying out any operations or activities, or to undertake remedial works; or to make any representations about this notice, you should contact Chris Bending, Director of Place, on 01892 602478 or at chris.bending@wealden.gov.uk to arrange an appointment at the Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham when you will be able to make any undertaking or representations to a Council Officer who will then

be able to consider them. You will be able to make any such offer or representations in person at that appointment.

6. WARNING

It is an offence to fail, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any requirements of this notice within twenty-one days beginning with the day on which it was served on you. The maximum penalty on conviction of this offence is a fine of £1,000. Continuing failure to comply following a conviction will constitute a further offence.

It is also an offence knowingly or recklessly to give information, in response to this notice, which is false or misleading in a material particular. The maximum penalty on conviction of this offence is £5,000.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you fail to respond to this notice, the Council may take further action in respect of the suspected breach of planning control. In particular, they may issue an enforcement notice, under section 172 of the TCPA 1990, requiring the breach, or any injury to amenity caused by it, to be remedied.

If the Council serve a stop notice, under section 183 of the TCPA 1990, section 186(5)(b) of the TCPA 1990 provides that should you otherwise become entitled to compensation for loss or damage attributable to that notice, under section 186 of the TCPA 1990, no such compensation will be payable in respect of any loss of damage which could have been avoided had you given the Council the information required by this notice, or had you otherwise co-operated with the Council when responding to it.

Dated: 21st November 2025
Signed:



On behalf of:
Wealden District Council, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 2AX