Alleged Unauthorised Development

East Malling & 08/00047/UNAUTU

LarkfieldEast Malling

Location: Corio Farm 450 Wateringbury Road East Malling West Malling

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1. Purpose of Report:

Members will recall that at the committee of 22 May 2008 enforcement action was authorised which required the owners to cease the use of the land for the mixed agricultural contracting and civil engineering business incorporating various and substantial operations in connection with the running of the business including the storage of plant and materials, the processing of materials. It also required the removal of a hard standing and restoration of the site to pasture land.

This notice was issued on 13 June 2008 and the owners have exercised their right to appeal which is to be heard by way of a Public Inquiry on 3 March 2009.

During the appeal process the appellant has raised a number of issues as to the precision of the Notice. Following discussions with the Chief Solicitor I consider that it is appropriate to deal with these matters at an early stage by the issue of a fresh Notice – in an endeavour to ensure that there is no ambiguity as to the Council's intentions when the matter is considered, as it surely will be, in front of the Inspector.

I WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL IN A SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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