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DEVELOPER'S STATEMENT

Loxwood Clay Pits Limited have engaged Protreat Limited to form a team of specialists and to produce and coordinate the Environmental Impact Assessment and the preparation of an Environmental Statement for the development in Pallinghurst Woods subject to the planning application to be submitted to West Sussex County Council for the proposed clay quarry and waste materials recycling facility.

The application includes the use of an existing and well-established private woodland access road from the entrance to Pallinghurst Woods at the layby junction with Loxwood Road through the woods to the proposed development site. The application includes the extraction and exportation of clay and restoration using suitably inert materials recovered from imported construction, demolition and excavation wastes to nature conservation interest including woodland, waterbodies and wetland habitats at land in Pallinghurst Woods to the north-east of Loxwood.

Protreat's key personnel have led on numerous planning applications and Environmental Impact Assessments over the last 30 years, in England and overseas. Loxwood Clay Pits Limited are satisfied that Protreat have the necessary experience and competence to scope, carry out and coordinate a robust and relevant Environmental Impact Assessment and to prepare the associated Environmental Statement. Where Protreat do not have the appropriate in-house technical expertise the appropriate specialist expertise has been sought from external sources.

Loxwood Clay Pits Limited has reviewed the qualifications, experience, expertise and competence used for this planning application as set out in Protreat's Statement of Competence provided at Appendix ES C of the Environmental Statement and, in accordance with the regulations specified therein, we are satisfied that the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Statement have been produced by competent experts with the relevant qualifications and/or expertise. We have no reservations about the information provided in Appendix ES C.

Director