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Subject: Appropriate Assessment - Outline planning application AB/135/20/OUT - Land at Ford Road, Arundel

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Hi Michael,

Please find attached a copy of Natural England's comments on the HRA/Appropriate Assessment for AB/135/20/OUT - Land at Ford Road, Arundel.

If you have any further queries regarding this application, please let me know.

Kind regards,

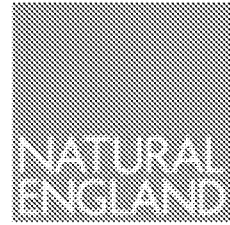
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Date: 28 May 2021
Our ref: 352368
Your ref: AB/135/20/OUT



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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Eastham,

Planning consultation: Appropriate Assessment - Outline with some matters reserved (except for access) for the development of 90 dwellings & associated amenity land. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan, affects the setting of listed buildings & affects the character & appearance of the Arundel Conservation Area.

Location: Land at Ford Road, Arundel.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05 May 2021 which was received by Natural England on 05 May 2021.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on the Arun Valley Special Protection Area (SPA) or Ramsar site and has no objection.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites/landscapes and advice on other natural environment issues is set out below.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

In our letter dated 16th April 2021 (our ref: 348426), Natural England concurred with the conclusions of the overwintering bird survey, that following additional over-wintering bird survey data for the site, the development site does not meet the requirements for Functionally Linked Land (FLL). Nonetheless, we also advised that with respect to the aforementioned designated sites, your authority should assess this proposal as part of a Habitats Regulations Assessment, and whether it can be screened out from any requirement for further Appropriate Assessment or not.

Natural England therefore notes that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has screened the proposal to check for the likelihood of significant effects.

Your assessment concludes that the proposal can be screened out from further stages of assessment because significant effects are unlikely to occur, either alone or in combination. On the

basis of the information provided, Natural England **concurs** with this view. However we would also reiterate that, as a point of clarity, this conclusion has been reached on the basis that neither the development site itself, nor adjacent areas of land act as FLL for the qualifying features of the designated sites and as such, any likely significant effect can be ruled out.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me at

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Yours sincerely

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