

Zac Denton (Arun District Council)

Our Ref: SDNP/21/00774/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: Karen Wooden

1st March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Proposed 2 storey front extension and loft conversion.

Address: 14 Queens Lane , Arundel , BN18 9JN, ,

Thank you for your correspondence received 8 February 2021, consulting us as a neighbouring authority on the above noted development proposals.

Although the application site is located outside of the National Park, the Council has a statutory duty to consider the Purposes of the National Park when making its determination. The statutory purposes and duty of the National Park are:

- **Purpose 1:** To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- **Purpose 2:** To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.
- **Duty:** To seek to foster the social and economic wellbeing of the local communities within the National Park in pursuit of our purposes.

The National Park's comments on the development are as follows:

All relevant authorities (which includes local planning authorities) must have regard to these statutory purposes when exercising their functions.

The National Park also has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the national parks.

This application relates to planning application AB/137/20/HH. The property has brick elevations and a tiled roof.

Design

The application form confirms the proposed materials to be brick and tiles. These should be of a similar appearance to those used on the host dwelling. The front extension and loft conversion

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are considered to be of an appropriate scale and design, and are not considered to cause significant harm to the visual amenity of the National Park.

Climate change and sustainable use of resources

The SDNPA would suggest the use of sustainably and locally sourced materials for the construction of the extension, and avoidance of non-recyclable plastics within the building, particularly doors and windows.

Landscape, Ecosystem and Dark Night Skies

The SDNPA would advise that any development within the setting of the park should positively contribute to the ecosystem services of the National Park and to the environmental net gain.

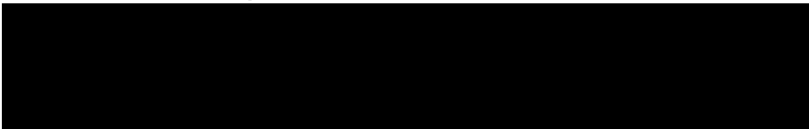
Measures such as the inclusion of bird or bat boxes within the site, or an area of wildflower planting may also be considered to further increase ecosystem services.

The SDNPA has been successful in achieving Dark Skies Reserve status for the South Downs National Park - only the second such Reserve in England. For further information, please see <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/dark-night-skies/>. It is recommended that a condition be included to ensure the proposed rooflights include low transmittance glazing and timed blackout blinds.

Recommendation

No objection is raised to the proposed scheme subject to consideration of the above. We recommend that the proposal is assessed in relation to local and national policies, with due regard to environmental, social and economic impacts, with particular emphasis to the special qualities of the South Downs National Park and its purposes of designation. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice in relation to the National Park, please contact us.

Yours faithfully


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