

Arun District Council

Our Ref: SDNP/26/00692/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: Karen Wooden

12th March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant: Arun District Council

Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Arun District Council (AB/I48/25/PL) - Replacement of 3 No cast iron street lighting units. This application affects the setting of listed buildings, affects the character and appearance of the Arundel Conservation Area and is CIL Zone 2 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Location: Arundel War Memorial and Outside 5-7 High Street Arundel , BN18 9AB,

Thank you for your correspondence received 13 February 2026, 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 two statutory purposes of the SDNP designation are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage,
- To promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of their areas.

If there is a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes precedence. There is also a duty to foster the economic and social wellbeing of the local community in pursuit of these purposes.

Section 245 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (S.245 duty) amends and strengthens the Section 11A (2) duty of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 upon relevant authorities, which includes the National Park Authority itself, to 'seek to further the specified purposes of Protected Landscapes'.

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

Having reviewed the submitted plans and associated documents, it is noted that the proposal is for the replacement of 3 Grade II Listed lighting columns and lanterns on land situated just outside, to the west of, the South Downs National Park boundary.

A detailed Heritage and Design and Access has been provided, addressing the history of the existing

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columns and offering a clear justification for their replacement. It is also understood that the formal application follows extensive consultation with Arun District Council.

There is a recognised need to replace the current cast iron columns due to safety concerns. The proposed replacements would replicate the design and profile of the majority of cast iron columns found within Arundel.

Given the siting, scale, appearance and context, no concerns are raised regarding the impact of the replacement lighting columns and lanterns on the National Park or its setting.

Yours faithfully



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