

Arun District Council

Our Ref:

SDNP/26/00694/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/1/26/PL) - Erection of sculpture. This application is in CIL Zone 3 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Location: Land at Junction with Ford Road , Torton Hill Road , Arundel , BN18 9JQ,

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 erection of a carved timber sculpture depicting Swifts in flight, to be positioned just outside the South Downs National Park boundary, on land to the east of Ford Road and to the south of Torton Hill Road and Arundel Baptist Church.

Given the siting, scale, appearance and wider context, no concerns are raised regarding the impact of the structure on the National Park or its setting.

South Downs National Park Authority, South Downs Centre, Midhurst, GU29 9DH

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In terms of sustainability, it is recommended that the timber used for the sculpture be locally sourced.

Yours faithfully



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For and on behalf of South Downs National Park Authority