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Mr R Temple

Arun District Council
Planning Services
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Dear Sir,

INSTALLATION OF A NEW CAMBERED ALL-WEATHER SECTION AT FONTWELL PARK RACECOURSE, FONTWELL AVENUE, BN18 0SX (PP-05696669)

WYG Planning has been instructed by Arena Racing Group to prepare and submit a planning application for the installation of an all-weather bend at Fontwell Park Racecourse.

The location of the racecourse is rural in nature with Fontwell Avenue to the east and Level Mare Lane immediately to the south as identified within the accompanied Site Location Plan (Ref: 3301 A). In addition to this drawing, please find enclosed the following documents:

- Completed Application Forms and Certificates;
- Proposed All Weather Section Layout (Ref: 1331 001 P1)
- Proposed Construction Profile (Ref: 1311 003 P1)
- Proposed Drainage (Ref: 1311 004 P1)
- Construction Methodology produced by PSD Agronomy.

Arena Racing Group currently operate four of the six all-weather racecourses in the UK, offering three different types of surfaces for horses to run on: polytrack, fibresand and tapeta. The proposed all-weather section at Fontwell Park Racecourse will consist of either a fibresand or tapeta racing surface.

Both surface options are similar compounds, a fibresand surface comprises sand particles and polypropylene fibres above an imported stone base (as seen at Southwell Racecourse) whereas a tapeta surface consists of sand particles, polypropylene fibres, rubber and wax installed on top of either a porous asphalt or geotextile membrane (as seen at Newcastle Racecourse and Wolverhampton). The proposals also incorporate a drainage system to further minimise the risk of waterlogging. The installation of a synthetic track surface at Fontwell Park will increase racehorse safety and reduce the amount of time and investment required to maintain the current turf surface.

The all-weather surface will cover an estimated area of 3,985sqm measuring approximately 330m in length and be installed on the bottom bend adjacent to Level Mare Lane. The installation will take approximately six weeks to complete and further details with respect to the earthworks and cultivation



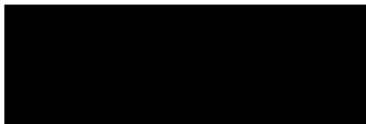
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can be found within the enclosed Construction Methodology document. When the works are complete the track will be the same size and configuration. The minor alterations to the surface are not readily discernible beyond the site as at present. As such it conforms with policy relating to development within the countryside but will assist with the safety of the racehorses. The proposal will not have any impact upon concerns of planning importance.

A cheque to the value of £780.00 has been sent via First Class post which represents the statutory planning application fee. I trust the above information is sufficient for validation purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,



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WYG