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Planning Application - Hanbury Properties AL/58/15/OUT

Dear Sir,

The Coastal West Sussex Partnership Board brings together leaders and senior officers from business, education institutions and the public sector to work collectively on economic issues that affect the coast. The aim of the Board is to add value and focus on the 'larger than local' issues that impact on the coastal economy whilst supporting business development and promoting sustainable economic growth across the area. The Board's spatial objectives are set out in our strategy, *Sustaining Growth through Partnership*, and include:

- Job creation, particularly high value and higher skilled jobs
- Providing new employment land/space and protecting existing suitable employment land/space, particularly in sustainable locations
- Encouraging the reuse of brownfield sites for development

The CWS Partnership Board works closely with the CWS and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board and in 2013 it agreed a *Local Strategic Statement* which set out the long term Strategic Objectives for the area and the short Spatial Priorities for delivering them of which Oldlands Farm, one of four employment sites that contribute to Enterprise Bognor Regis was identified as a key site for delivering employment space and therefore jobs in the area.

The application by Hanbury Properties for an additional 220,000 sq ft of mixed employment space is welcomed as it would help deliver jobs. The nature of those jobs is important and a report produced by Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners to support the Enterprise Zone proposal in 2011 identified Oldlands Farm as an Advanced Manufacturing Park which could deliver substantial jobs and which would capitalise and expand on existing employment strengths in manufacturing and engineering sectors.

Therefore it would be Option 2 for General Industrial B2 usage to encourage and maximise the higher value job opportunities for the area that Arun District Council would be encouraged to support.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Wood
Director, Coastal West Sussex Partnership