

Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Our Ref: SDNP/21/03142/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: Karen Wooden

24th June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant Name: Arun District Council

Proposal: Adjacent Authority Consultation - Arun District Council AL/62/21/PL - Part change of use from C3 residential dwellinghouse to Class E ancillary office space (ancillary to school) and change of use of former garage building to Use Class F1, associated with existing school.

Address: Paddocks , Days Lane , Aldingbourne, BN18 0TA

Thank you for your correspondence received 8 June 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:

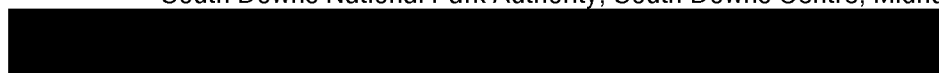
- **Purpose 1:** To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- **Purpose 2:** To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.
- **Duty:** To seek to foster the social and economic wellbeing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

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

Thank you for consulting the South Downs National Park Authority on the above application. The Authority wishes to submit general 'neutral' comments which neither object or support these proposals.

Arun District Council (ADC) officers therefore will need to assess any impacts upon the National Park in order to address the above statutory duty.

The site is located approximately 119m to the south of the South Downs National Park and both are on the northern side of the A27. It is noted that the application documentation makes
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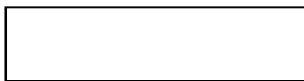


reference to the South Downs National Park and considerations for the sensitive location have been considered in the commentary.

The site is very well screened by existing trees, there are also nearby developments which are more visible from Slindon Wood, which is the nearest point of the South Downs National Park. It is considered that the proposals are unlikely to have a significant visual impact upon the setting of the National Park.

The National Park is an internationally designated Dark Night Skies Reserve and ambient light in the wider vicinity of its boundaries has the potential to impact upon this designation and consequently the National Park's setting and its special qualities. As such consideration should be given to minimise upward light spill from the proposed roof lights. A well-considered lighting mitigation scheme within the proposals should be achieved which could be addressed via a suitably worded planning condition.

Yours faithfully



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South Downs National Park Authority

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