

Arun District Council

Our Ref:

SDNP/25/04208/ADJAUT

Contact Officer:

SDNPA Planning Technical  
Support

16th October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Neighbouring Authority Consultation**

**Applicant:** Arun District Council

**Proposal:** Adjoining Authority Consultation - Arun District Council (AL/98/25/PL) - Installation of scissor lift and delivery landing with new stairs and gate to boundary wall. This application is in CIL Zone 2 (Zero Rated) as other development.

**Location:** Shop Around The Clock and Aldingbourne Post Office, Westergate Street, Westergate, PO20 3QL

Thank you for your correspondence received 14 October 2025, 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:

The SDNPA has no comment to make.

Yours faithfully

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

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Best Wishes

Planning Support Team  
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For and on behalf of South Downs National Park Authority