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Our Ref: SDNP/18/01892/ADJAUT  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Neighbouring Authority Consultation**

**Proposal: A/38/18/RES - Approval of reserved matters following outline consent A/51/14/OUT relating to appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for demolition of the existing Manor Nursery Garden Centre & hard standing & redevelopment for 32No. dwellings with associated access, public open space & landscaping.  
Address: Manor Nursery , High Street , Angmering , BN16 4AW**

Please find below the response of the SDNPA. These should be interpreted as neutral comments. These comments have been prepared through a desk based assessment only.

It is understood that this is a Reserved Matters application. The impact on the setting of the National Park needs to be assessed, particularly given the proximity of the National Park boundary to the site and its development and new residential development to the south is creating a new urban edge to the village.

The site may be visible from Highdown Hill to the east, within the National Park, but it may not be significantly visually intrusive given the backdrop of the village, the vegetation along the eastern site boundary and A280 in foreground views, as well as the design of the development. However, changes to the landscape character can be apparent if appropriate landscaping to provide a setting for the development isn't incorporated into the scheme. The new planting should all be native and locally characteristic in order to offer meaningful benefits to wildlife and positively contribute to landscape character.

As you may be aware, the South Downs National Park was designated as an International Dark Night Skies reserve in 2016, only the 2nd in England and 12th in the world. The lighting strategy will need to be highly sensitive (i.e. keep external lighting to an absolute minimum, particularly around identified corridors). Any external lighting fitments, including illuminated signs, should comply with the Institute of Lighting Professionals guidance and seek to achieve an upwards light ratio of zero wherever possible. In regard to ecology, using low level lighting and turning off of street lights, the type (colour etc.) of lights will need to be sensitive to bats in particular. We recommend using the Bat Conservation Trust Guidelines in the consideration of new lighting.

Yours faithfully



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