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SDNP/21/03141/ADJAUT
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16th June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant Name: Arun District Council

Proposal: Adjacent Authority Consultation - A/56/21/PL - Change of Use of land from agricultural to storage site for up to 4 fairground rides, associated infrastructure (including MOT base) and erection of a storage shed

Address: Arundel Acre , Arundel Road , Angmering , BN16 4EU

Thank you for your correspondence received 27 May 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 South Downs National Park Authority does not have any further comments to make following the submission of the amended certificate. However, for the avoidance of doubt the South Downs National Park Authority reiterates the comments made on 07/05/2021 (our reference: SDNP/21/02151/ADJAUT):

The South Downs National Park Authority wishes to submit general 'neutral' comments which neither object or support these proposals.

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



Whilst the application site falls outside of the National Park, there is a statutory duty on all stakeholders to consider the impact upon the National Park, and its setting, during decision making. The statutory purposes and duty of the National Park are:

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- o Duty: To seek to foster the social and economic wellbeing of the local communities within the National Park in pursuit of our purposes.

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 south of the South Downs National Park, which is on the northern side of the A27. However, it is not so far away as to not be considered. It is noted that the application documentation makes no reference to the National Park. Further commentary from the Applicant may therefore be needed in this regard in order to assist ADC officers in their assessment of the application.

Given the topography of the area, the distance between the site and the National Park, green Infrastructure, and nearby development to the west of Arundel Road and south of A27, the proposals are unlikely to have a significant visual impact upon the setting of the National Park.

It is noted that Public Rights of Ways (PROW) run to the north and east of the site and therefore consideration should be taken as to whether the proposal would have a detrimental visual impact for users of the PROW.

Consideration should also be given to the external lighting scheme, insofar as to minimise upward light spill. 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.

Therefore, a well considered lighting scheme within the proposals should be achieved which could be addressed via a suitably worded planning condition.

Yours faithfully

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