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Arun Civic Centre
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West Sussex
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Our Ref: SDNP/20/02157/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: Nat Belderson

19th June 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Proposal: Adjacent Authority Consultation - A/76/20/PL - 84 No. dwellings, public open space, play areas, associated infrastructure & landscaping. This application affects a Right of Way.

Address: Land at Dapers Lane , Angmering, ,

Thank you for your correspondence received 26 May 2020, 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:

The site is within 350 metres of the south Downs National Park, but screened from direct view by intervening vegetation. It forms part of a larger (but separate) Strategic Housing Allocation site.

Landscape and Biodiversity

Given the proximity to the SDNP and the interconnectivity of habitats, considerations relating to biodiversity on or near to the site (especially bats and dormice) are of relevance to the SDNPA. We would therefore support your ecologist in seeking a dormouse mitigation strategy and for the application to demonstrably deliver net biodiversity gain.

The site currently provides a transition between the built up area of Angmering and the woodlands and SDNP beyond to the north, and this is also reflected in the character of Dapers Lane. It is inevitable that some hedgerow would be lost to create an entrance into the site, but this must be carefully designed to minimise loss of vegetation and to ensure the lane retains a rural character.

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Dark Night Skies Reserve

The SDNP is designated as an International Dark Sky Reserve. Details of roadway/outdoor lighting have been provided with the application, and we request that these details be ensured via a condition, once the District Council is satisfied that all opportunities to reduce light pollution have been taken.

Walking and cycling

Beyond the A27 to the north there is a good network of public rights of way, and we would encourage opportunities for enhancing non-motorised access to these PRowWs which would be of benefit to the existing residents of Angmering as well as those in the proposed development. We therefore welcome the inclusion of links from the site onto the footpath on the western boundary. However, despite leading towards the SDNP, this footpath gives little opportunity for wider recreation as the A27 forms a barrier to the north. On the eastern side of the site, Dapers Lane provides grade separated access under the A27 and has a restriction preventing most vehicles from travelling southbound from Angmering Road, although traffic along the lane will increase as the various development sites come forward. We note that the proposals include offsite highway works to provide pedestrian crossings connecting with pavements which we understand form part of a wider scheme to provide a footway along Dapers Lane. The provision of a safe footway is supported by the SDNPA. As mentioned above with regard to a site entrance, this would need to be designed to ensure the rural character of Dapers Lane is retained. In particular the removal of hedgerows should be kept to a minimum, with suitable replacement planting sought.

Yours faithfully



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