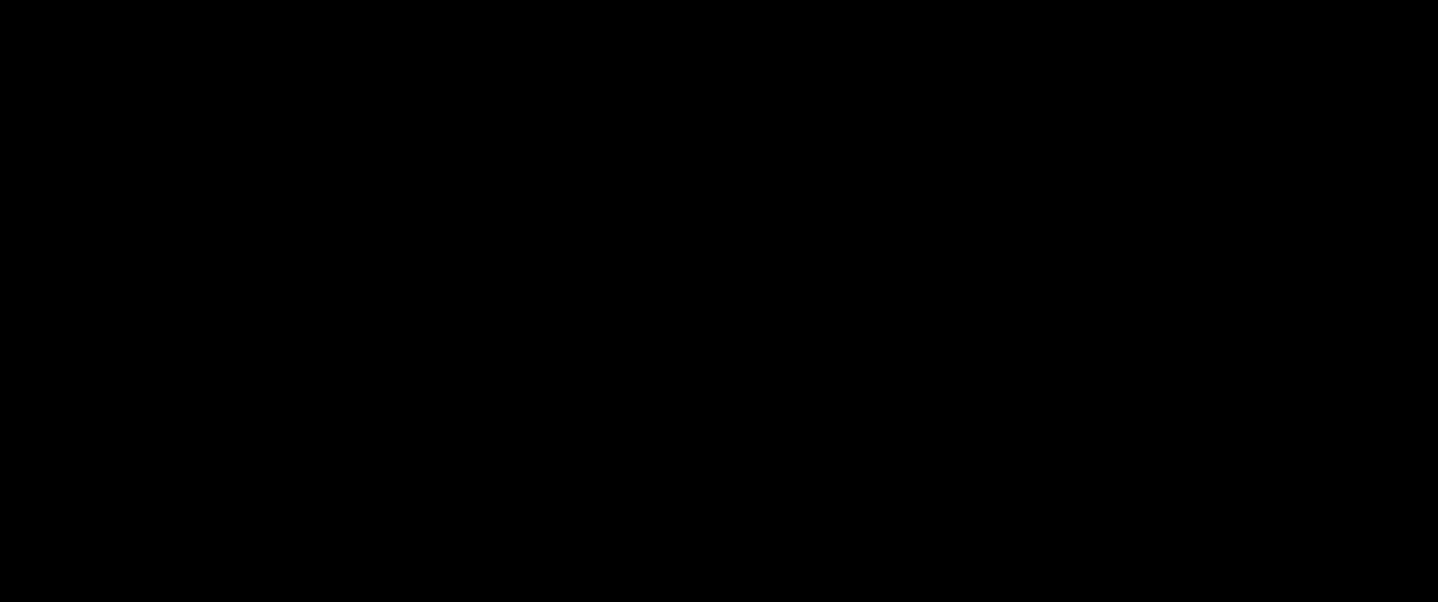




From: Ireland, Sally <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 11 November 2019 15:58
To: Planning.Responses <Planning.Responses@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Consultation response - BE/100/19/PL

Please find below, Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation.

Dear Sirs

Application ref: BE/100/19/PL
Our ref: 297473

Thank you for contacting Natural England regarding the above-mentioned development.

Since this application will result in a net increase in residential accommodation, impacts to the coastal Special Protection Area(s) and Ramsar Site(s) may result from increased recreational disturbance. Your authority has measures in place to manage these potential impacts through the agreed strategic solution which we consider to be ecologically sound.

Subject to the appropriate financial contribution being secured, Natural England is satisfied that the proposal will mitigate against the potential recreational impacts of the development on the site(s). However, our advice is that this proposed development, and the application of these measures to avoid or reduce the likely harmful effects from it, may need to be formally checked and confirmed by your Authority, as the competent authority, via an appropriate assessment in view of the European Site's conservation objectives and in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017.

This is because Natural England notes that the recent People Over Wind Ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union concluded that, when interpreting article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, it is not appropriate when determining whether or not a plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on a site and requires an appropriate assessment, to take account of measures intended to avoid or reduce the harmful effects of the plan or project on that site. The ruling also concluded that such measures can however be considered during an appropriate assessment to determine whether a plan or project will have an adverse effect on the integrity of the European site. Your Authority should have regard to this and may wish to seek its own legal advice to fully understand the implications of this ruling in this context.

Natural England advises that it is a matter for your Authority to decide whether an appropriate assessment of this proposal is necessary in light of this ruling. In accordance with the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2017, Natural England must be consulted on any appropriate assessment your Authority may decide to make.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on [ancient woodland and veteran trees](#) which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on [Magic](#) and as a downloadable [dataset](#)) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on gov.uk at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice>.

Yours faithfully

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Natural England
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For further information on the Discretionary Advice Service see [here](#)

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To: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Planning Consultation on: BE/100/19/PL

To: Natural England

NOTIFICATION FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order

**2015 - Articles 16 & 18 Consultation before the grant of permission
Planning Permission**

APPLICATION NO: BE/100/19/PL

Registered: 10th October
2019

Site Address: Springfields Chichester Road Bersted PO21 5EE

Grid Reference: 491534 101803

Description of Works: 2 No. dwellings. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

The Council have received the above application. I shall be pleased to receive any observations you may wish to make.

[Click here to view the application details](#)

Should you have any comments to make, these should be sent by replying to this email by 14-NOV-19.

You can also monitor the progress of this application through the Council web site:
www.arun.gov.uk/planning

Please be aware that any comments you may make will be available on our website so please do not insert personal details or signatures on your reply.

In the absence of a reply within the period stated, I shall assume that you have no observations to make.

The officer dealing with this application is Mr S Davis who can be contacted on telephone number 01903 737874.

Regards
Planning Officer

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