

Application for Outline Consent

**DECISION NOTICE**

Application Ref: BE/112/25/OUT

**1 To Addressee**

Manorwood  
Suite 114  
26 The Hornet  
Chichester  
PO19 7BB

**2 Site Address**

Land at Heath Place  
Bersted  
PO22 9SL

**3 Description of Development**

Outline application with some matters reserved (except access, layout and scale) for 3 No class E light industrial units and associated landscaping. This application is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated) as other development.

**4** In pursuance of their powers under this Act and related Orders and Regulations the Council **REFUSE** to approve the development as described in the application and plans for the reasons stated.

- 1 The proposal conflicts with Arun Local Plan policy W DM2, the NPPF and the associated NPPG in that parts of the site lie in Flood Zone 3b (functional floodplain) and development of this nature is not permitted in this zone as it can result in a loss of floodplain storage, impede water flows, and result in increased flooding elsewhere. In addition, site levels have been raised without planning permission and this impacts upon the availability of flood storage compensation which has not been accounted for by the application.
- 2 Insufficient information has been provided to determine if the proposed development is deliverable on the site without prejudicing surface water drainage for the site and leading to surface water runoff and increased flooding elsewhere. The proposal therefore conflicts with Arun Local Plan policy W DM3, Bersted Neighbourhood Development Plan ES2, the NPPF and the associated NPPG.
- 3 The proposal fails to demonstrate that the required biodiversity net gain (in respect of area habitat and watercourse units) can be achieved on the site having regard to the need to consider the former state of the site in January 2020 as the net gain baseline. It is uncertain that the BNG requirements can be met and there is presently insufficient information to determine that the BNG requirements can be achieved. As such the proposal is in conflict with Arun Local Plan policy ENV DM5, the Environment Act 2021, the NPPF and the associated NPPG.

- 4 In the absence of a signed Section 106 agreement, the development makes no provision for the future monitoring of a Travel Plan contrary to the requirements of Arun Local Plan policies T DM1 and T SP1 and the NPPF.

INFORMATIVE: Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and discussing those with the Applicant. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal that it has not been possible to negotiate a satisfactory way forward and due to the harm, which has been clearly identified within the reason(s) for the refusal, approval has not been possible.



Neil Crowther  
Group Head of Planning

Case Officer: Mr S Davis

Decision Issued: **24th December 2025**

Arun District Council  
The Arun Civic Centre  
Maltravers Road  
Littlehampton  
West Sussex BN17 5LF

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT**

## APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Otherwise, if you want to appeal against this decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals must be using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must send notice to the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate([inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details can be found at [www.GOV.uk](http://www.GOV.uk)

## PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refused permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (that is, where the land is situated in a National Park, the National Park authority for the Park, or in any other case the district council in whose area the land is situated). This notice will require the Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of Part VI of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. You will need to carry out your own checks to determine whether any other consents or permissions are required. For example, the Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments, and a Highways Licence may be required from West Sussex County Council for any development within the public highway (including the placing of skips on

highway land).