

Recommendation Report for Consent to Display an Advertisement(s)

REF NO: BE/153/21/A

LOCATION: Rolls Royce Technology And Logistics Centre
Newlands Road
Bersted
PO22 9FJ

PROPOSAL: Installation: 1 x non-illuminated fascia sign, 4 x non-illuminated totem signs and 2 x flags.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	The application seeks a number of adverts which include a vertical fascia sign, 4 totem signs and 2 flags.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	The site is occupied by Rolls Royce Technology and Logistics Centre.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The area is mixed in character with two industrial/warehouse units, with Lidl recently constructed to the north west of the site. South west of the A29/Rowan Way roundabout is the Bognor Regis Retail Park, that consists of several retail units, fast food restaurants and car parking. To the north west of the site are fields and the outskirts of Shripney village.

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Bersted Parish Council provided no objection.

No representation received from nearby occupiers.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Noted.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

None.

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

None.

POLICY CONTEXT

Built up area boundary

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES**PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:**

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY GUIDANCE:

SPD5	Advertisements
------	----------------

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Regulation 3(1)(a)(b), 3(2)(a)(b) and 4(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 states:-

"3(1) A local planning authority shall exercise its powers under these Regulations in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking into account -

- (a) The provision of the development plan, so far as they are material; and
- (b) Any other relevant factors.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1)(b) -

(a) Factors relevant to amenity include the general characteristics of the locality, including the presence of any feature of historic, architectural, cultural or similar interest;

(b) Factors relevant to public safety include -

(i) The safety of persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);

(ii) Whether the display of the advertisement in question is likely to obscure or hinder the ready interpretation of any traffic sign, railway sign or aid to navigation by water or air;

(iii) Whether the display of the advertisement in question is likely to hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle.

4(3) In determining an application for consent for the display of advertisements, the local planning authority may have regard to any material change in circumstances likely to occur within the period for which the consent is requested.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are other material considerations to be weighed in the balance with the Development Plan.

CONCLUSIONS**PRINCIPLE**

Paragraph 136 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states - The quality and character of places can suffer when advertisements are poorly sited and designed. A separate consent process within the planning system controls the display of advertisements, which should be operated in a way which is simple, efficient and effective. Advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of

amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts.

DESIGN AND VISUAL AMENITY

There will be 7 adverts forming 2 flags, 4 totem signs and 1 vertical fascial sign. These are along the front of the building and due to their siting are not considered to appear excessive in numbers. The totem and flags signs will replace existing albeit slightly larger in size. The totem sign will have a width of 0.85m and height from ground floor level of 1.8m. The flags will be attached to existing flagpoles and sit approximately 5.5m from ground floor level with the flag 1m in width by 2m in length. A training centre was approved in 2021 and the vertical fascia sign will direct visitors to its location. None of the signs are illuminated.

Given the extent of advertisements already present on the site and in the immediate vicinity, with most of the proposed being replacement in nature, the design, and location of the proposed adverts are not considered that to have an unacceptably adverse impact upon visual amenity of the area.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In terms of public safety, it has to be considered whether the advertisement itself or its location is likely to be so distracting or so confusing, that it creates a hazard, or endangers people in the vicinity who are taking reasonable care for their own, or others, safety. The proposed advert by virtue of its location and size are not considered to have an adverse impact of the safety of pedestrians or road users, located some distance from the main highway at Shripney Road.

SUMMARY

In the absence of harm to amenity or public safety, it is recommended that the application be approved, subject to the conditions set out below.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (right to respect private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Duty under the Equalities Act 2010

In assessing this proposal the following impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans
- Signage Location Plan - 001 B
 - Flag Design
 - Totem Design - A01 Rev A
 - Goodwood - 03 - TLC - C6 - External Totem - Sheet 1-3.
 - External Totem Signage artwork (03-TLC-External Totems)
 - Vertical Fascia Sign

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment in accordance with policy D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan.

- 2 No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the site entitled to grant permission.

Reason: As required by Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007.

- 3 No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to-
- (a) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);
 - (b) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or
 - (c) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle

Reason: As required by Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007.

- 4 Any advertisement displayed, and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site.

Reason: As required by Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007.

- 5 Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a condition that does not endanger the public.

Reason: As required by Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007.

- 6 Where an advertisement is required under these Regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

Reason: As required by Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007.