

Recommendation Report for Consent to Display an Advertisement(s)

REF NO: BR/299/17/A

LOCATION: Unit 1
Christie Place
Bognor Regis
PO22 9RT

PROPOSAL: 1 No. non-illuminated hoarding sign

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	The proposed sign is non-illuminated and measures 3metres, by 1.5metres by 0.25metres.
SITE AREA	N/a
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The site is bordered by a mixture of fencing and foliage.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	The site is populated by an industrial unit.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The locality is populated by industrial units of mixed uses.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

BR/11/54/A	Outline For Residential And Industrial Development	ApproveConditionally 04-04-56
BR/11/54/A/A	Factory Warehouse And Offices	ApproveConditionally 31-01-62
BR/298/17/PL	Change of use from industrial/ warehouse storage (B8 Storage or Distribuion) to canine day care facility (Sui Generis).	

Noted.

REPRESENTATIONS

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Bognor Regis Town Council
Parish Council - No objection.

No representations received from nearby occupiers.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

No comment.

CONSULTATIONS

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

None.

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

N/A

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:
Within built up area boundary

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICES

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY GUIDANCE:

SPD5	Advertisements
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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 no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

PRINCIPLE:

Para. 67 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that 'advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts'. Para. 3.1 of the Councils adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance for adverts confirms that 'The display of outdoor advertisements can only be controlled in the interests of 'amenity' and 'public safety'. The control system in place for advertising is concerned with the visual effect on its surroundings of an advertisement.

AMENITY:

Given the extent of advertisements present in the area and the design and location of the proposed advert, is not considered that to have an unacceptably adverse impact upon visual amenity nor will residential amenity of nearby properties be unacceptably affected.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

In terms of public safety, it is vital to consider 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 is not considered to have an adverse impact of the safety of pedestrians or road users.

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

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:

- Hoarding sign at entrance
- Hoarding sign to be where the existing sign is currently in place

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment.

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

- 4 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.