

Recommendation Report for Consent to Display an Advertisement(s)

REF NO: BR/3/20/A

LOCATION: 39 Bedford Street
Bognor Regis
PO21 1SH

PROPOSAL: 1 No. non illuminated fascia sign on front elevation.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
SITE AREA	324.86
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The site is open plan.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	A small unit with local amenities surrounding.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	To the rear of the town centre with a large superstore to the front. There is also a public toilet within the vicinity.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

BR/2/20/PL Change of use from shop (A1 Shops) to cafe (A3 Food & Drink) with soft play area, sensory room/party area.

Relevant site history noted.

REPRESENTATIONS**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:**

Bognor Regis Town Council

No objection.

No objection from nearby occupiers.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Noted.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

None

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:
 Town Centre Retail Boundary
 Within the Built Up Area Boundary
 2km Buffer for Site of Special Scientific Interest
 Pagham Harbour Zone B

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

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

Paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that 'advertisement should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts'. Paragraph 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.

DESIGN AND VISUAL AMENITY

The proposed advertisement is sited in an existing retail scene to the north of the high-street, given the extent of advertisements already present in the immediate vicinity, 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.

The proposed advert is located on the south western elevation (shop frontage) and it is non illuminated as such it is not considered to be overly intense or obtrusive given the context of the area. The advert is of a reasonable design and size and does not have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In the evaluation of the sign consideration has been given to its impact upon 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 location and scale of the proposed advertisement is not considered to post a hazard to public safety. None of the proposed signage is located in locations, or are of scales that are uncommon in commercial areas such as this one and will not result in any change to the safety of the public in the area.

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

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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 permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:
 - Location Plan
 - Site Plan
 - Proposed Elevations (No changes except advertising)

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.

- 3 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.

- 4 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.

- 5 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.