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Your Ref: OWPC17320

Our Ref: CM/34/17/L 17-12-2017

Please ask for:
Ross Leal

9th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended)

Listed building consent for demolition of prefabricated former private school building & Mill Lodge residential unit; refurbishment of existing Mill to retain & refurbish existing dwelling & flats 1 & 2 (adjoining) with 2 No. additional dwellings; refurbishment of Mill Cottage & Mill Thatch (units 1 & 2) & erection of 1 No. new-build floating pond-house within feature pond. Departure from the Development Plan. This application also lies within the parish of Littlehampton.

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 8th February 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

The Biodiveristy Checklist for the site is inaccurate.

If the checklist relates to the date it was posted 12/12/17 then clearly it is out of optimal time frame for most of the species mentioned. If more likely it refers to the Lizard ecological survey then this seems to have been completed in August 2017. This is outside the optimum time frame for several key species (notably birds and reptiles).

As to the details in the checklist. Please note that Barn Owls have been seen in the area and the site did have features that could be used for nesting.

Not an optimum time for assessing use of site by badgers.

I would contend that the site had not been properly surveyed for breeding birds. August is too late for a proper assessment and as the majority of suitable breeding habitat for the most likely birds to breed on the site had been destroyed in May then evidence would have been thin.

Hedgerows were affected by the proposal because they were removed in May 2017 prior to this survey.

Surveying for reptiles during August is not recommended by Arun in the notes for completing the check list.

The Biodiversity checklist is, at best, misleading.

No information regarding botanical species impacted by the development. A poor attempt was made by Lizard in their report. I enclose a link to the Sussex Botanical and Recording Society's data base for the area. It shows some 493 species for the area.

http://www.sussexflora.org.uk/TQ00A_list.txt

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning