

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

Our Ref: SDNP/20/04469/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: David Easton

3rd February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Proposal: Adjacent Authority Consultation - FG/123/20/PL - Demolition of a polytunnel, storage building & scaffolders' shelters & racking, use of land for Class B8 container self-storage & the siting of 79 No. single-stacked storage containers, part regrading of the ground, new fencing, CCTV & lighting. This site is in CIL Zone 3 (Zero Rated) as other development & is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Address: Land at Former McIntyre Nursery , Littlehampton Road , Ferring , BN12 6PG

Thank you for your correspondence received 8 October 2020, consulting us as a neighbouring authority on the above noted development proposals.

Although the application site is located outside of the National Park, the Council has a statutory duty to consider the Purposes of the National Park when making its determination. The statutory purposes and duty of the National Park are:

- **Purpose 1:** To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- **Purpose 2:** To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.
- **Duty:** To seek to foster the social and economic wellbeing of the local communities within the National Park in pursuit of our purposes.

The National Park's comments on the development are as follows:

Although the application site is located outside of the National Park, the proposed development is located within close proximity to its boundary. In the determination of this application, the Council has a statutory duty to consider the purposes of a National Park when making its decision. The statutory purposes of the National Park are:

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The South Downs National Park is a designated International Dark Sky Reserve and dark skies and tranquillity are a special quality of the National Park which need to be protected. Paragraph 180(c) of the NPPF outlines that development should limit the impact of light pollution on intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation. The site is located adjacent to the Dark Skies Transition Zone (E1b) and it is important to reduce light pollution in these areas as they have the potential to become dark zones in the future.

Therefore, measures should be incorporated to control light spill and any form of flood lighting should be avoided, with no external lighting other than motion sensor security lighting that complies with Dark Skies requirements. Further information/advice on sensitive lighting can be found in the SDNPA's Dark Skies Technical Advice Note 2018 which is available at the following link:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/TLL-10-SDNPA-Dark-Skies-Technical-Advice-Note-2018.pdf>

Yours faithfully



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