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Subject: SDNPA Consultation Response, your ref FG/135/19/PL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see attached consultation response. Please note that this document is in PDF format. Please contact us by return email should you have difficulties opening the file.

Best Wishes

Planning Support Team

SDNPA (Called In Applications)

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12th December 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Proposal: Adjacent Authority Consultation - FG/135/19/PL - Demolition of a Silo & erection of an office building (B1(a) Business), 6 No. parking spaces for office workers & erection of boundary fencing.

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

Thank you for your correspondence received 21 November 2019, consulting us as a neighbouring authority on the above noted development proposals.

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 10m of the South Downs National Park boundary and in the determination of this application 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 purpose

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 as these areas 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 Night 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 (document TLL 10):

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/national-park-local-plan/local-plan-examination/core-document-library/>

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Yours faithfully



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