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8th October 2021

Ferring Parish Council Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Case Officer: Amy Myer
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Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: FG/142/21/PL
Site Address: Land North of Highdown Vineyard (Formerly McIntyre Nursery) Littlehampton Road
Ferring BN12 6PG
Description of works: Change of Use of the land for the storage of building materials; 2 no. proposed storage containers and 2.4m high Pallasade or Paladin Fencing (coloured green) to perimeter with access gates. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 7th October 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC41022

This application is an unwarranted Departure from the Development Plan as the site is agricultural and outside the built-up area, designated within the Ferring N.P. and Arun L.P. as countryside situated within the Angmering - Worthing Gap Between Settlements.

The plots on the eastern side of the target site have seen numerous planning applications claiming that they are infilling existing commercial units. That argument does not apply here as the subject site is bordered on three sides by agricultural / countryside related use. Any change of use here would constitute a breach of any perceived commercial site boundary and a damaging incursion into the designated agricultural land of the Angmering - Worthing Gap.

The boundary on the eastern side of the site has often been cited as marking the western boundary of the creeping development by default that has occurred. This is an attempt to push that line further still into agricultural land for personal gain to provide cheap storage for building materials. This site sits on the southern slope of Highdown Hill, a National Trust site of historical and archaeological significance on the edge of the South Downs National Park. There must be a limit to this decimation of the valuable countryside remaining here. The oft cited perceived boundary for infill applications must NOT now be pushed further west, exposing plots to the north and south of this target site potentially to rapacious, speculative change of use applications. We ask ADC to uphold the Local Plan and Development Plan by refusing this application and halt the encroachment into the remaining countryside.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments

including your name and address on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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If you have provided an email address, all correspondence including the decision notice will be sent by email. It is therefore important that you keep us informed if this changes during the course of this application.

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