

DECISION NOTICE

Application Ref: FG/142/21/PL

1 To Addressee

Murphy Associates
18 Braemore Court
Kingsway
Hove
BN3 4FG

2 Site Address

Land North of Highdown Vineyard
(Formerly McIntyre Nursery)
Littlehampton Road
Ferring
BN12 6PG

3 Description of Development

Change of Use of the land for the storage of building materials; 2 no. proposed storage containers and 2.4m high Pallisade or Paladin fencing (coloured green) to perimeter with access gates. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

4 In pursuance of their powers under this Act and related Orders and Regulations the Council **REFUSE** to approve the development as described in the application and plans for the reasons stated.

- 1 The development introduces a commercial/employment use into a Countryside and Settlement Gap location, which is not justified by any policy exception tests. The development in this location is therefore unacceptable in principle and contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework, Arun Local Plan policies SD SP2, C SP1, EMP DM1 and SD SP3 and policies 1A and 7 of the Ferring Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2 The development results in adverse visual impacts on the character of the countryside and the landscape setting of the South Downs National Park. This conflicts with policies D SP1, D DM1, LAN DM1 and EMP DM1 of the Arun Local Plan, policy 7 of the Ferring Neighbourhood Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 3 No Ecology Impact Assessment has been submitted with the application. As such, due to a lack of information there has been a failure to demonstrate that legally protected species and ecology would be adequately protected from development, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework and policy ENV DM5 of the Arun Local Plan.

INFORMATIVE: Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and discussing those with the Applicant. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal that it has not been possible to negotiate a satisfactory way forward and due to the harm which has been clearly identified within the reason(s) for the refusal, approval has not been possible.



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

Case Officer: Ms Myer

Decision Issued: 15th November 2021

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

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Otherwise, if you want to appeal against this decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals must be using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must send notice to the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate(inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details can be found at www.GOV.uk

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refused permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (that is, where the land is situated in a National Park, the National Park authority for the Park, or in any other case the district council in whose area the land is situated). This notice will require the Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of Part VI of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. You will need to carry out your own checks to determine whether any other consents or permissions are required. For example, the Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments, and a Highways Licence may be required from West Sussex County Council for any development within the public highway (including the placing of skips on

highway land).