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Your Ref: OWPC26063
Our Ref: FG/6/20/PL 14-01-2020
Please ask for:
Andrew Wood

13th March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Development of Animal Rescue Centre, to include new buildings for reception, training & education, cattery, kennels & associated ancillary accommodation, conversion of existing barn into staff accommodation along with driveways, car parking & landscaping. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Hangleton Farm Livery Stables Wadars Animal Rescue Centre Hangleton Lane Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 12th March 2020 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

In the last few years Wadars have worked tirelessly to achieve the best outcome for their site in Hangleton Lane. They have obviously consulted with architects, but also with drainage experts, conservationists and many other local and national animal rescue charities. Every effort has been made to reduce the impact of their plans on the surrounding area. In fact, their plans can only improve the site. The issue of rainwater run-off from Highdown will have to be dealt with before any works on kennels etc. can start. It is a big part of the plan and recycling aforementioned run-off into a purpose built swale will improve the area for wildlife. They will also be removing the enormous amount of concrete on the site and replacing it with natural landscaping. This will include planting more trees. They are passionate about providing the best facilities for the animals in their care and having their animals on site will increase the efficiency of their operation. This has already been shown with the increase of cat adoptions since opening their own cattery on the site at the beginning of 2019. Dogs in their care will get lots of exercise and enrichment and will be shielded from the neighbouring properties to reduce any impact. A purpose built wildlife unit will also improve the outcome of the local wildlife that they rescue. The reduction of travelling time for the wild birds and animals, and being able to treat them on site will only be a good thing. New facilities will not only provide more employment for paid staff but also for volunteers. Wadars will also be able to offer more opportunities for education on their site. This will be in the form of work placements for college students and visits from local schools and youth groups. This plan is all about improvement and I wholeheartedly support it.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

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

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