

Recommendation Report for Planning Permission**REF NO:** FG/95/15/PL**LOCATION:** Beachfront within site lines of 2 The Strand
Ferring**PROPOSAL:** Construction of beach hut on concrete base.**SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above. The proposed beach hut would have a floor area of 2.4m by 1.8m with a ridge height of 2.5m.
SITE AREA	4 square metres
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Open site boundaries
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Site is located adjacent to beach opposite the applicant's dwelling. Gravel parking area adjacent to foreshore leading to cafe. Several beach huts of varying size and colour are located in a double row.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Seaside location on edge of Ferring village. Greensward to west.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

FG/65/13/	Demolition of existing garage to form new garage	ApproveConditionally 18-07-2013
FG/69/75	Beach hut	ApproveConditionally 16-07-1975
FG/95/80	Renewal of planning permission for erection of beach hut	Approve 23-07-1980

REPRESENTATIONS**Representations received:**

None

Comments on Representations received:

None

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations responses received:

None

Comments on Consultation responses:

None

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Right of Way

Outside built up area boundary

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003: GEN7
GEN3

The Form of New Development
Protection of the Countryside

Publication Version of the Local
Plan (October 2014):

D SP1 Design
C SP1 Countryside
D DM1 Aspects of Form and Design
Quality

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The Development Plan consists of the Arun District Local Plan 2003, West Sussex County Council's Waste and Minerals Plans and Made Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Arun District Council's Development Plans:

Paragraph 215 of the NPPF ensures that specific policies in Arun District Local Plan 2003 can carry weight. The weight afforded to the policies with Local Plan policies can be assessed according to their level of consistency of the various policies with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Paragraph 216 of the NPPF confirms that weight can be given to policies in emerging plans from the day of publication. The Council resolved that the policies and maps in the Publication Version of the Local Plan be used in the determination of this planning application. Following 'publication' of the Local Plan a formal public consultation, examination and adoption process takes place.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The statement of representations procedure and statement of fact produced by the Council under regulation 19 explains that the consultation will take place on 30th October 2014 for six weeks.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Where applicable, Neighbourhood Development Plan's (more commonly known as a neighbourhood plan or NDP), once made by Arun District Council, will form part of the statutory

local development plan for the relevant designated neighbourhood area and policies within them will be considered in determining planning applications. Made NDP policies will be considered alongside other development plan documents including Arun District Council's Local Plan. Whilst an NDP is under preparation it will afford little weight in the determination of planning applications. Its status will however gain more weight as a material consideration the closer it is towards it being made. Arun District Council will make reference to an NDP when it has, by the close of planning application consultation, been publicised for pre-submission consultation(Reg.14).

Made Plans in Arun District Council's Local Planning Authority Area are: Angmering; Arundel; Barnham & Eastergate; Bersted; East Preston; Felpham; Ferring; Kingston; Littlehampton; Rustington; and Yapton. There are no policies in Ferring Neighbourhood Plan specifically relating to this type of development.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states:-

"If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise."

The proposal is considered to comply with relevant Development Plan policies in that it would have no materially adverse effect on the visual amenities of the locality or the residential amenities of the adjoining properties, nor would it have an adverse impact upon the established character of the surrounding area.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The addition of a beach hut of a similar size and appearance to the existing huts would have no adverse impact on the visual amenities of the locality.

The area of beach huts is not increasing and their visual prominence would not be any greater. Beach huts are an acceptable addition to the beach coastline in this location. The addition of a new structure would result in an improvement and enhancement of the character of the area.

Whilst the site lies outside the built up area boundary in terms of policy this type of development is acceptable since it is for tourism/leisure uses and requires a coastal location in accordance with Policy DEV35.

The application is therefore recommended for approval subject to the following conditions.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

FOR APPROVAL

Human Rights Act:

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (the right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

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In assessing this proposal neutral impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans site plan, block plan, aerial view, chalet brochure detail and elevation of beach hut.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of amenity and the environment in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 3 **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 assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.