

**DECISION NOTICE**

Application Ref: FN/60/08/

1 To Addressee

South Eastern Planning Service
Bartram House
Station Road
Pulborough
West Sussex
RH20 1AH

2 Site Address

Pony Farm Stables
Pony Farm
Findon

3 Description of Development

Conversion and change of use of stables and storage buildings to 2 holiday let units of accommodation

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 plan for the reasons stated.

- REASON 1 The proposal is unacceptable to the Local Planning Authority as the site lies outside the built-up area boundary, within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the buildings cannot be converted without significant alteration, which in the case of unit B includes extension and replacement of the south elevation. The proposal for holiday-let accommodation therefore comprises an undesirable obtrusive development in an open and visible location which would adversely affect the rural character of the area. The proposal therefore conflicts with policies LOC2, CH2 and DEV1 of the West Sussex Structure Plan and policies GEN1, GEN3, GEN7, DEV1 and AREA9 of the Arun District Local Plan.
- REASON 2 Having regard to the limited area of unit A and its relationship to 4 Pony Farm the proposal would give rise to an unneighbourly form of development which would be prejudicial to the amenities and environment of the locality in conflict with policies DEV1, LOC1 of the West Sussex Structure Plan and GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.
- REASON 3 The application contains insufficient information to demonstrate that there is significant demand for holiday lets in the area and the Local Planning Authority is not satisfied that a tourism business use at the site would be viable. The proposal therefore conflicts with policies DEV1 of Arun District Local and policy LOC2 of West Sussex Structure Plan.

Head of Planning Services
Arun District Council
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex BN17 5LF

Case Officer: Mrs A Gardner

Date of Decision: 25th November 2008

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Zachary Ellwood
Interim Head of Development Control

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

NOTES RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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 First Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal, then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate, Customer Support Unit, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he 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 him 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.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the local planning authority or the First 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 District Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions 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).