

Recommendation Report for Planning Permission

REF NO: LU/183/17/PL

LOCATION: The Littlehampton Academy
Fitzalan Road
Littlehampton

PROPOSAL: Installation of internal site security fencing & gates.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above. The proposal relates to black security fencing 2.4m in height.
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	None of any significance affected by the proposed development.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Black security fencing approx. 2.3m in height surrounds existing school entrance and car park.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Site comprises recently constructed school buildings, all weather sports pitch, tennis courts and amenity grassland. Some old school buildings remain which are awaiting demolition. New access from Fitzalan Road to the south of the site.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Site bounded to the south, east and west by residential properties. Nursery school directly to the south.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

LU/198/10/	Application under Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for relocation of 3 nr modular buildings, to be used as teaching and office accommodation until July 2012. (This application will be determined by West Sussex County Council)	ApprvdCond-WSCC 17-08-2010
LU/255/10/	Application under Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for part demolition and redevelopment of existing Littlehampton Academy to create a	No Object'n + Conds 16-09-2010

new 1900 pupil academy including associated sporting facilities and access

LU/2/13/	Installation of canopy and covered walkway	ApproveConditionally 21-03-2013
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LU/371/15/WS	Application under Regulation 3 of the Town & County Planning General Regulations 1992 for removal of condition 31 for WSCC/83/10/LU which required provision of an acoustic barrier. This applicaiton will be determined by West Sussex County Council.	No Objection 08-01-2016
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REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Littlehampton Town Council

No Objection

Comments on Representations received:

None

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations responses received:

None

Comments on Consultation responses:

None

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Within Built Up Area Boundary

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003: GEN2
GEN7

Built-up Area Boundary
The Form of New Development
D DM1 Aspects of Form and Design
Quality
D SP1 Design

Publication Version of the Local Plan (October 2014):

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

NPPF

National Planning Policy Framework

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.

A new local plan is in preparation may be a material consideration when determining Planning Applications. At this stage the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 and supporting documents were submitted for independent examination on 30 January 2015. The Examination into the submitted plan was commenced but is currently suspended whilst

Arun District Council addresses matters raised by the Inspector.

A number of Main Modifications to the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 were approved by the Council on 22nd March 2017 and consultation on these is taking place 10 April 2017 to 5pm on Tuesday 30 May 2017. The Main Modifications should be read alongside the Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031 (Publication Version) October 2014 and where there are changes the Main Modification may also be material consideration to take into account.

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 are material considerations in the determination of this planning application. The emerging Plan was submitted in January 2015 and the examination is currently suspended. The examination is due to re-commence in summer 2017 following publication of modifications to the Plan.

The policies are published under Regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

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: Aldingbourne; Angmering; Arundel; Barnham & Eastergate; Bersted; Bognor Regis; Clymping; East Preston; Felpham; Ferring; Kingston; Littlehampton; Rustington; Walberton; Yapton. The written Ministerial Statement of 13 December 2016 confirms that relevant policies for the supply of housing in Neighbourhood Plans should not be deemed to be out of date where all of the following circumstances arise;

- The NDP has been part of the development plan for 2 years or less or the ministerial statement is less than 2 years old
- The NDP allocates sites for housing
- The Council can demonstrate a three-year supply of deliverable housing sites

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There are no relevant policies in Littlehampton Neighbourhood Plan .

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 proposal seeks permission for new internal fencing and gates and relocation of existing gates within the school grounds to upgrade the security within the school which is essential to maintain safeguarding. The fencing would match the colour and style of existing fencing surrounding the parking area and main school entrance and is complimentary in appearance. Given the use of the area, proximity to site boundaries and the extent and position of the fencing it is not considered to result in any unacceptable impacts upon the amenities of the surrounding area. Accordingly, it is recommended that the application be approved 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 (right to respect 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

Duty under the Equalities Act 2010

In assessing this proposal the following 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).

The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

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 3914/PL00, Proposed Block Plan 3914/PL01 and Fencing Details 3914/PL02 .

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 The colour of the fencing hereby permitted shall match in colour that of the existing fencing.

Reason: In the interests of amenity in accordance with policies GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 4 **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.