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Sent: 18 February 2015 17:08
To: Planning.Responses
Cc: Juan Baeza
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation on: LU/385/14/PL

Comments from Greenspace

The proposals put forward in this application have included careful consideration of its siting within the existing landscape. Existing landscape features such as trees and hedgerows and appropriate new planting along with thoughts on long term management of the developing landscape have been considered. A landscape scheme would maximise the biodiversity of the site with the inclusion of native species and the retention of a variety of habitats.

The site indicated is screened to varying degrees around the site but with particular viewpoints from the north/west of the site. Additional planting will be required to gap up existing and provide screening in its entirety of the new receptors, this must also be considered also in relation to the wider viewpoints. Consideration should be given to species choice which has been indicated for these locations. New areas of hedgerow planting would be required to be plotted in plan form showing the location of these with quantities proposed, densities and size at time of planting.

Proposed planting would need to be sufficient in height with a mix of tree and shrub species that are sufficiently fast growing to provide a year round screen. Any screening proposed will need to provide a good mix of native species which when planted should establish quickly to form a balanced and appropriate planting scheme. This would be realised as it matures and the effects on the landscape of the development will diminish over time. The nature of the predominant site will change from arable/grass land to agricultural grassland with solar panels, this will in turn over time create a different habitat with differing biodiversity habitats forming. The proposals could provide the opportunity to enhance existing hedgerows and to secure on-going management of all structural vegetation within the site and boundaries.

Long term management of the developing landscape would need to be considered. The landscape scheme should maximise the biodiversity of the site with the inclusion of native species and the retention of a variety of habitats.

The proposed planting is recommended to be in place prior to, but no later than the first planting season following the installation of the proposed solar panels.

Proposals which comply with Policy SP3 on the countryside with consideration to be given to landscape and biodiversity enhancement through retention of existing hedgerows and the planting of new mixed hedgerow along the boundary of the site would be required.

We conclude that we have no objection to the proposals and subject to a landscape plan detailing species choice, densities and size at time of planting to be submitted for approval or set as a condition of any approval, we would recommend that this application is considered as appropriate and approval considered.

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From: planning.responses@arun.gov.uk [<mailto:planning.responses@arun.gov.uk>]

Sent: 26 January 2015 16:33

To: Parks

Subject: Planning Consultation on: LU/385/14/PL

To: **Parks and Landscapes**

NOTIFICATION FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)

(England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Planning Permission

APPLICATION LU/385/14/PL

NO:

Registered: 16th January
2015

Site Address: Land at Brookbarn Farm Courtwick Lane
Littlehampton BN17 7PX

Grid Reference: 502595 104234

Description of Works: Construction of a solar energy park to include the
installation of solar panels, security fencing,
transformer housing, access and other associated
works

The Council have received the above application. I shall be pleased to
receive any observations you may wish to make.

[Click here to view the application details](#)

**Should you have any comments to make, these should be sent by
replying to this email
by 19-FEB-15.**

You can also monitor the progress of this application through the Council web site:

www.arun.gov.uk/planning

Please be aware that any comments you may make will be available on our website so please do not insert personal details or signatures on your reply.

In the absence of a reply within the period stated, I shall assume that you have no observations to make.

The application will be determined having regard to the development plan policies (if any are relevant) and other material considerations. The development plan can be accessed via the website as can the leaflet which deals with material planning considerations.

Should the application go to appeal the Planning Inspectorate will publish any comments made to the Council on their website:

www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/ but they will protect personal details.

The officer dealing with this application is Mr J Baeza who can be contacted on telephone number 01903 737765.

Regards
Planning Officer

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