



Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

15 November 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application for renewal of unimplemented planning permission P/05/8: New Commercial Plant Nursery at Park Farm, Lagness, new ref P/79/11

We write as agent to the applicant and enclose supplementary information to support our application for renewal submitted online.

The planning portal reference number is PP-01644808 which was submitted online on the 25th September 2011.

We enclose the following:

- X Cheque made payable to Arun District Council for the sum of £500.00
- Revised Environmental Statement Update prepared by Chris Blandford Associates
- Drawings of the site

The background is as follows:

The application was made and consent granted in 2008 for the above development, the consent having been granted by the Development Control Committee.

That year, as Officers and Members will be aware, the economic downturn started and the market for household discretionary purchases decreased dramatically adversely affecting the ability of the applicant company to justify, at the time, a move to new premises.

The Department for Communities and Local Government recognised this and in 2010 issued a guidance note entitled "Greater Flexibility for Planning Permissions". This measure was introduced in order to make it easier to keep planning permissions alive for longer during the economic downturn so that they could be more quickly implemented when economic conditions improve. It applies to unimplemented planning permissions granted on or before 1 October 2009.

It is this situation that the business faced hence the reason why the consent was not implemented. Adding to this the pre-start conditions include the re-routing of part of the B2166 which carries a considerable cost. We are however not seeking to alter or amend this or any condition. The extant permission is in danger of lapsing, being scheduled to expire on the 7th April 2012.

We understand that the LPA has the authority and discretion to renew such consents for more than the three year time period. We would respectfully ask you to consider that this consent is (re) granted for a

term of five years to enable the business to plan and arrange for the development, which may then permit the scheme to be carried out in what we trust will be improving economic circumstances post 2012.

The original application was supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment carried out in great detail and comprising several volumes of detailed work around the ecology, environmental, and other aspects associated with the site and its environs.

Because the surveys were undertaken in 2006/7 the Environmental Statement element submitted with the previous application requires updating and the assessment has been reviewed using the up to date information. In accordance with the (greater flexibility) guidance note this matter has been addressed by provision of the supplementary and updated Environmental Statement. This work has been updated by Chris Blandford Associates and is enclosed with this letter on CD (4 copies).

With respect to the application forms, the standard application form is not available on the planning portal website and therefore we have utilised the application form for a new consent, on the planning portal online application, which contains all the salient information previously recorded on the original application. This application is identical to the original application with no changes or variations required or proposed.

With respect to drawings, you have the full suite of drawings so in the spirit of saving paper; I envisaged that ADC would be able to refer to the drawings already held. Please advise if you require more copies.

We can confirm that the development has not started.

We also attach a summary Planning Statement by way of update.

If you have any queries please contact myself as agent for the applicant at the address on this headed notepaper.


Estates Director


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