

DECISION NOTICE

Application Ref: WA/98/21/PL

1 To Addressee

Neame Sutton Limited
West Suite
Coles Yard Barn
North Lane
Clanfield
PO8 0RN

2 Site Address

Brookview Nursery
Eastergate Lane
Walberton
BN18 0BA

3 Description of Development

Removal of outdoor storage, including caravan and polytunnels and the erection of 7 No. units comprising of 12 offices and 3 workshops, associated parking, drainage and turning spaces (resubmission following WA/58/21/PL). This site is in CIL Zone 3 (Zero Rated) as other development.

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 plans for the reasons stated.

- 1 The supporting documents are collectively unclear as to which of the important trees on the site are to be removed but it is clear the layout will result in substantial and potentially damaging activity in the Root Protection Areas of the vast majority of retained trees. This combined with potential damage during construction, ground compaction and future pressure to prune or fell will result in clear harm to such trees and the contribution they make to the character of the area, the local landscape and to on-site ecology in conflict with Arun Local Plan policies ENV DM4, ENV DM5, D DM1 & LAN DM1, Walberton Neighbourhood Development Plan policies VE3 & VE10 2020 and the NPPF.
- 2 Given the discrepancies in the application regarding the impact on trees, it is not possible to determine whether the proposed development will result in any significant adverse effects upon the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels Special Area of Conservation, the bat species associated with that site or its functionally linked habitats (in respect of loss of foraging habitat and/or severance of commuting flight-lines). The proposal is therefore in conflict with Arun Local Plan policy ENV DM1 and Walberton Neighbourhood Development Plan policy VE10 2020.

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 identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, allowing the Applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied by a revision to the proposal. The Local Planning Authority is willing to meet with the Applicant to discuss the best course of action and is also willing to provide pre-application advice in respect of any future application for a revised development.



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

Case Officer: Mr S Davis

Decision Issued: 17th January 2022

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

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

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

If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice, and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.

If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and you want to appeal against this planning application decision, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.

Otherwise, if you want to appeal against this decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals must be using a form which you can get from the Secretary of State at Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN (Tel: 0303 444 5000) or online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

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

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must send notice to the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate(inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details can be found at www.GOV.uk

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the local planning authority or the 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 Council (that is, where the land is situated in a National Park, the National Park authority for the Park, or in any other case the district council in whose area the land is situated). This notice will require the Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 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).