

Head of Planning and Economic Regeneration
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
BN17 5LF

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Our Reference: SF0068

Dear Sir/Madam,

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION REF. Y/14/14, INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR PARK AND ANCILLARY WORKS, LAND BETWEEN FLANSHAM AND BILSHAM (NORTH OF A259 WORMS LANE), WEST SUSSEX.

Please find enclosed application for a non-material amendment in relation to the above planning application.

The minor changes to the approved application have arisen due to specific construction requests specified by the Operation and maintenance team and comprise the following:

1. Inclusion of a storage container, located centrally within the development site.

Overall, it is considered that the proposed changes are inconsequential in terms of scale to that of the original approval and have no detrimental impact in terms of landscape character or living conditions of nearby residents. Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 refers to the LPA being "*satisfied that the change is not material*". The assessment outlined in the accompanying documents, supporting the NMA, conclude that in the context of the approved development the proposed amendments would not lead to further impacts being generated or significant alterations to the approved scheme. The proposed amendment would facilitate an efficient maintenance process without enforcing distinguishable change from the approved planning application and subsequent NMAs.

It is acknowledged that the aforementioned Section 96A details the right of the LPA to impose new planning conditions to previous planning permissions. All aspects of the amendment will be done in accordance with the included statement and as such we would welcome additional conditions, regarding the drawings and statements made if the LPA feel it would secure the non-material status of the amend.

It is our understanding that the judgment on "materiality" is one of fact and degree, taking into account the likely impacts of the amendment. The benchmark for forming the judgment on materiality is the original planning permission. We trust that the minor changes described above can be considered non-material when assessed against the approved development as a whole, and will await your confirmation at your earliest opportunity.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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Assistant Planner