South Downs
National Park Authority

Adur & Worthing Councils

Our Ref:	SDNP/25/02779/ADJAUT
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4th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant: Adur & Worthing Councils
Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Adur & Worthing Councils (AWDM/0846/25) - Application to Vary Condition 2 of previously approved AWDM/1641/23: Amendment: To reduce the depth of the north section of decking from 3.5m to 3m. To remove the stairs to the North section of decking. To turn the direction of the southern staircase from facing North to facing South and attach it to the main decking.

Location: Sunridge, Mill Lane, Worthing, West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence received 3 July 2025, consulting us as a neighbouring authority on the above noted development proposals.

Although the application site is located outside of the National Park, the Council has a statutory duty to consider the Purposes of the National Park when making its determination.

The two statutory purposes of the SDNP designation are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage,
- To promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of their areas.

If there is a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes precedence. There is also a duty to foster the economic and social wellbeing of the local community in pursuit of these purposes.

Section 245 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (S.245 duty) amends and strengthens the Section 11A (2) duty of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 upon relevant authorities, which includes the National Park Authority itself, to 'seek to further the specified purposes of Protected Landscapes'.

The National Park's comments on the development are as follows:

The SDNPA has no comment to make.

Yours faithfully

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