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Dear Planning,

Network Rail Consultation Response: AWDM/0883/25 - 22 South Farm Road Gaisford Worthing West Sussex

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the above planning application, please see our formal comments below.

Network Rail is the statutory undertaker for maintaining and operating railway infrastructure of England, Scotland and Wales. As statutory undertaker, NR is under license from the Department for Transport (DfT) and Transport Scotland (TS) and regulated by the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) to maintain and enhance the operational railway and its assets, ensuring the provision of a safe operational railway.

Due to the close proximity of the proposed development to Network Rail's land and the operational railway, Network Rail requests the applicant / developer engages Network Rail's Asset Protection and Optimisation (ASPRO) team prior to works commencing. This will allow our ASPRO team to review the details of the proposal to ensure that the works can be completed without any risk to the operational railway.

In particular we would like to direct the applicant towards the Network Rail requirements for lighting: "Any lighting associated with the development (including vehicle lights) must not interfere with the sighting of signalling apparatus and/or train drivers' vision on approaching trains. The location and colour of lights must not give rise to the potential for confusion with the signalling arrangements on the railway. The developers should obtain Network Rail's Asset Protection Engineer's approval of their detailed proposals regarding lighting." The advertising screen as proposed should meet these requirements, however we would require that the applicant does not allow the brightness of the screen to dazzle or confuse drivers of trains travelling on the adjacent railway.

The applicant / developer may be required to enter into an Asset Protection Agreement to get the required resource and expertise on-board to enable approval of detailed works.

To start the process with our Asset Protection team, the applicant / developer should use the Asset Protection Customer Experience (ACE) system found on Network Rail's Asset Protection website (https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/looking-after-the-railway/asset-protection-and-optimisation/). This website also provides more information about our Asset Protection team and the services they offer.

Where applicable, the applicant must also follow the attached Asset Protection informatives. The informatives are issued to all development within close proximity to the railway (compliance with the informatives does not remove the need to engage with our ASPRO team).

I trust the above is clear, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information from Network Rail.

Thanks,
Jasmine.