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Your Ref: WSCC/056/11/SU

OurRef:NPCU/CAC/P3800/69442

Dear Toynton

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990. APPLICATION FOR CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT. ADUR FOOTBRIDGE, HIGH STREET. SHOREHAM_BY_SEA.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to refer to your Council's application for Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of the Adur footbridge and reconstruction of wider new design. Your application was made in accordance with the provisions of section 74 of the Act.

The Secretary of State has considered the information submitted by your Council in support of their application. He notes that English Heritage do not wish to comment in detail. He also notes that the council received no objections to the proposed development.

The Secretary of State has considered the proposal against his policies in Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5) published on 23 March 2010. He has had regard in particular to his policies to ensure that decisions affecting any heritage assets should take account of the contribution they make to local character and to policy HE7.7 concerning redevelopment proposals.

The Secretary of State notes that it is not considered that the footbridge is of any significant architectural or historic merit, and it is asserted that the new design will be an improvement to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area as well as creating a more functional footbridge.

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The Secretary of State hereby grants Conservation Area Consent in accordance with the application numbered WSCC/056/11/SU and the associated plans and drawings – 14062/010, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the works to which this Consent relates shall be begun not later than three years from the date of this letter.

2. Details of a scheme to minimise noise from construction activity (on which the Council's Environmental health section should be consulted);

3. Details of external finishes including colours, with a view expressed that tones should be neutral and glazing non-tinted;

4. Details of the hard and soft landscaping of the landward areas at the northern and southern ends of the bridge (including provision to replace any planting that's fails), with a view expressed that these works need to be high quality and consistent with the east Street Pedestrianisation scheme;

5. Details of the precautions to be taken to minimise the impact on the SSSI and other saltmarsh and mudflat habitats and on birds, reptiles, fish and plants, including the associated saltmarsh planting damaged areas and provision for the monitoring of such planting, with re-planting if necessary;

6. Details of the measures to be taken to safeguard the hydrology of the river;

7. Details of the measures to be taken to safeguard to protect against flood risk.

8. That the existing bridge to be demolished and causeway removed, all associated debris removed and the saltmarsh habitat replanted where damaged, within a period not exceeding 6 months from the date of the opening of the new bridge to public use.

This letter does not convey any consent or approval required under any enactment, bye-law or regulation other than sections 8 and 17 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

A separate Note is attached setting out the circumstances in which the validity of the Secretary of State's decision may be challenged in the High Court.

Yours sincerely

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