National Coastwatch

EYES ALONG THE COAST

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Dear Dawn,

To erect a 10 metre tall galvanised mild steel lattice tower within the grounds of the watchtower. A camera to be mounted on top which will be used by on duty watchkeepers, RNLI and Shoreham Port to see any potential dangers on the beach or in the sea by harbour entrance.

I write on behalf of the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) Shoreham, for the full planning application for the erection of a steel tower with a controllable CCTV camera mounted at the top, to be located on the western side of the existing building.

The use of a controllable CCTV camera mounted at height has become a necessity to further support the capability of the Search and Rescue (SAR) efforts by the watchkeepers. In repeated events, HM Coastguard (HMCG) have called on NCI Shoreham if they have eyes on of an incident close in shore to the west. Due to the topography of the beach and buildings, NCI Shoreham have been unable to obtain eyes on and support the SAR efforts without leaving the station.

It is believed that with the use of a controllable CCTV camera mounted at a height above the station, the capability of NCI Shoreham as a SAR asset can be drastically improved by improving response times and streaming live images to HMCG & the RNLI giving a better understanding of the developing events.

On behalf of the National Coastwatch Institution – Shoreham, please find enclosed the following details in support of the application.

- Drawing no. 2023-01/01 Revision A - Existing Elevations
- Drawing no. 2023-01/02 Revision B - Proposed Elevations
- Drawing no. 2023-01/03 Revision A - Block Plan
- Drawing no. 2023-01/04 Revision A - Location Plan
- Drawing no. WEC-WD10-00 – 10m Wind Down Tower

I trust the information submitted is sufficient to receive a positive determination. However, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Craig Searle

On behalf of
National Coastwatch Institution Shoreham