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Planning, Regeneration and Wellbeing

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Our Ref: ADC/0690/11
Your Ref: WSCC/056/11/SU Date: 11 October 2010

Dear Mr Dumbrell,

Re: Consultation on proposed replacement of existing Shoreham Harbour footbridge with new bridge suitable for pedestrians and cyclists, High Street, Shoreham-by-Sea:
WSCC Regulation 3 application WSCC/056/11/SU

Thank you for your letter of 20 September 2011, consulting this Council on the application.

The matter was considered by the Council's Planning Committee at their meeting on 10 October 2011 and they decided to reply as follows:-.

That West Sussex County Council be informed that the District Council supports the replacement of the footbridge as proposed subject to conditions being imposed which include requirements for the submission and approval of:-

1. Details of a scheme to minimise noise from construction activity (on which the Council's Environmental Health section should be consulted);
2. Details of external finishes including colours, with a view expressed that tones should be neutral and glazing non-tinted;
3. 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 fails), with a view expressed that these works need to be high quality and consistent with the East Street Pedestrianisation scheme;
4. 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 of damaged areas and provision for the monitoring of such planting, with re-planting if necessary;
5. Details of the measures to be taken to safeguard the hydrology of the river;
6. Details of the measures to be taken to safeguard to protect against flood risk.

plus a condition requiring 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 (recognising that the demolition of the existing bridge is the subject of a separate application AWDM/0767/11 for conservation area consent and requires approval from the Secretary of State).

In addition, the Committee wished to emphasize that they were particularly anxious that your Council ensures that the closure of the existing bridge during the construction period is kept to the absolute minimum because of the major difficulties it would cause for residents of Shoreham Beach (the distance by road being almost 2 miles). If closure is unavoidable for health and safety reasons, it is imperative that a free bus service is provided and that this service is provided at a sufficient frequency and for a sufficient length of the day to cater for people using trains (including the first and last trains each day at Shoreham station).

The Committee were also concerned about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists if the route at its southern end passes through the middle of the Riverside public car park as shown on the plans and considered this requires further investigation.

They felt that the design of the new bridge at its northern end where its SSE-NNW alignment intersects the existing North-South alignment at an angle should have a curvature (on the new causeway), to improve it both visually and functionally.

I trust that you will take these representations into account before finalising the design and making your decision. Please let me have a copy of the decision notice when it is issued.

Yours sincerely,

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