South Downs
National Park Authority

Adur and Worthing Councils

Our Ref: SDNP/23/02457/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: Nat Belderson
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23rd June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant Name: Adur and Worthing Councils
Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Adur and Worthing Concils (AWDM/0760/23) - Application for a Non-Material Amendment to previously approved AWDM/1831/21.
Amendments: Changes to Unit 5 - cladding colour alterations to all elevations, amendments to curtain walling zones at ground floor and core areas and additional canopies above new entrance/exit doors to north east elevations. Inclusion of curtain walling screen/door to north west elevation and FE door setting out alteration to south east elevation

Address: Shoreham Airport Cecil , Pashley Way , Lancing , West Sussex,

Thank you for your correspondence received 12 June 2023, 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 statutory purposes and duty of the National Park are:

- **Purpose 1:** To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- **Purpose 2:** To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.
- **Duty:** To seek to foster the social and economic wellbeing of the local communities within the National Park in pursuit of our purposes.

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

Unit 5 is the closest of the proposed units to the National Park boundary. When commenting on the original applications relating to this site the SDNPA raised a number of concerns including the appearance of the buildings and impacts upon dark night skies. With regard to this latter point, it is noted that the proposed amendments add another ten grp rooflights to the building, which will increase the amount of light spill from within the building during hours of darkness.

The South Downs National Park is a designated International Dark Sky Reserve and dark skies and tranquillity are a special quality of the National Park which need to be protected. Paragraph 185(c) of the NPPF 2021 outlines that development should limit the impact of light pollution on

intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation. The site is located outside of the National Park/IDSR and would fall within a transitional zone for lighting. It is therefore recommended that the LPA consider the potential implications of additional roof lights.

Further information/advice can be found in the SDNPA's Dark Skies Technical Advice Note (updated 2021) which is available via the following link

https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/DNS-TAN-2021-Main-Document-External-Lighting.pdf

Yours faithfully

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