AWDM/1285/26 | Supporting statement for proposed tree planting

Site: Land at the south-east corner of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive, Worthing

Submitted on behalf of: Chris and James Dixon

We seek a certificate under section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 confirming that the tree planting shown on the plan submitted with application AWDM/1285/26 would be lawful. The proposal is to plant trees to improve habitat for wildlife and provide shelter on an exposed coastal site. Biodiversity tree planting plan GOV.UK

The certificate sought covers the planting operations shown on the application plan. The works consist of planting trees, with the localised digging and ordinary ground preparation that planting requires. The proposal involves no buildings, hard surfacing, wider regrading or change in the use of the land. It can be carried out independently of the tractor barn proposal and the community leisure appeal.

Our position is that, on the facts of this application, the proposed planting does not amount to operational development or a material change of use within the meaning of section 55 of the Act. We therefore ask the Council to issue a certificate for the proposed planting as described and shown on the application plan. If the Council considers that any specific operation or restriction affects that conclusion, we would welcome the opportunity to address that point before a decision is made.