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THE

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)

(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

South Downs National Park Authority

Consultation Response

Planning application consultation

AWDM/0874/15 | Construction of two workshop buildings | Technical Support Services & Site Services Ricardo Consulting Engineers Ltd Old Shoreham Road Lancing West Sussex

The response of the South Downs National Park Authority is given in the context of the following:

'The Environment Act 1995 sets out the two statutory purposes for National Parks in England and Wales:

Conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage

Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of National Parks by the Public

which relevant authorities *(which includes local authorities)* must have regard to in exercising their functions.

National Parks Authorities have the duty to:

'Seek to foster the economic and social well being of local communities within the National Parks'.

in pursuit of the twin purposes above.

Following is the formal consultation response of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) on the above application.

The proposed two 5.7m high buildings would be located on an existing industrial and within the context of many industrial buildings of a similar height, and in some cases, higher.

As such it is unlikely that the development would have any adverse impact on the setting of the nearby south Downs National Park and which is bisected from the site by the A27.

Having said this, with the site being so close to the boundary of the South Downs National Park, it would be appropriate to consider materials and external finish that would be in context with the existing industrial estate and ensuring that it would not be detrimental to the setting of the National Park. Ain addition, any necessary external lighting should be kept to a minimum and of an appropriate type.

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As the landscape, with its special qualities, is the main element of the nearby South Downs National Park and its setting, attention is drawn to the South Downs Integrated Landscape Character Assessment (Updated 2011) as a key document as part of the overall assessment of the impact of the development proposal, both individually and cumulatively, on the

landscape character of the setting of the South Downs National Park; this document can be found at:

http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/about-us/integrated-landscape-character-assessment

Taking into account the above in the determination of this application, the SDNPA would also draw attention of Adur & Worthing Councils, as a relevant authority, to the Duty of Regard, as set out in the DEFRA guidance note at:

http://archive.defra.gov.uk/rural/documents/protected/npaonb-duties-guide.pdf

It may also be helpful to consider the development proposals in the context of National Park Circular 2010 for guidance on these issues at:https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/221086/pb13387-vision-circular2010.pdf

The SDNPA trust that the above comments are helpful to Adur & Worthing Councils in the appraisal and determination of this planning application, in consideration of the setting and special qualities of the South Downs National Park.

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