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Thank you for your consultation letter of 10 November 2009. Apologies for the delay in replying.

We agree with the comments made by Patrick Griffin in his email to us of 20 November 2009 concerning the application for renewal related to the part of the site within Adur (ADC/0424/09).

We have also come to the conclusion that it would be difficult to justify an objection to a short-term temporary permission for continued use of this 'brownfield' site. As you may recall, after the Inquiry some years ago into redevelopment, the Inspector found that the whole site had established use for Class B2 'general industrial' purposes.

It is clearly important not to prejudice or encourage the delay of the eventual comprehensive redevelopment of the site in a manner that secures substantial visual and landscape improvements - or to prejudice any decision or action the National Park Authority may wish to take when it becomes the planning authority.

The only additional comment we would make in respect of the part of the site within Horsham is in respect of the mobile home storage which is more visible from the road and Downs Link. We have received a letter from the South Downs Society objecting to any renewal but requesting, if granted for a further temporary period, that the time limit be firmly enforced and that appropriate landscaping is planted to hide the view of the mobile homes from the A283 and Downs link public path. They comment that the unsightly area of neglected and dilapidated mobile homes, which is full view from the A283 and Downs Link footpath, is completely out of keeping with the Downs. If permission is only granted for 3 years, however, it may be difficult to seek implementation of such screen planting.

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