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Dear Sir/Madam,

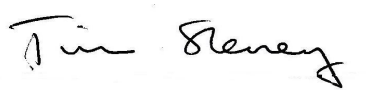
Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Proposal: ADJOINING AUTHORITY CONSUTLATION - Adur and Worthing Councils - AWDM/0009/18 - Loft conversion consisting of raising the ridge height, hip to gable end wall, new front dormer with balcony and rear dormer with Juliet balcony. Address: 37 Howard Road, Sompting, Lancing, West Sussex

Thank you for consulting the South Downs National Park Authority (as a neighbouring authority) on the above proposal for a loft conversion involving raising the ridge height, altering a hip to a gable end wall, inserting a new front dormer with a balcony and forming a Juliet balcony at the rear to 37 Howard Road. My comments are submitted on behalf of the SDNPA and specifically concern the impact of the proposals on the South Downs National Park.

The rear of the property faces North onto open downland and therefore impact on landscape would be a material consideration within the assessment of this planning application. As there are public footpaths existing on the downland North of the dwelling and the proposed works include the raising of the ridge height and addition of glazing to the rear, it may be appropriate to take action to avoid the property becoming unduly prominent in the landscape. One cnsideration may be, if the Authority is minded to approve the application, the imposition of a planning condition requiring low reflectance glass on the rear elevation to avoid drawing attention through catching and reflecting natural sunlight. The need for this should be assessed when a site visit is undertaken and should take into account the visibility of the site from the downs.

Yours faithfully



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