

West Sussex County Council

Our Ref: SDNP/21/04150/ADJAUT
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3rd September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant Name: West Sussex County Council

Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction and operation of an energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility for treatment of municipal, commercial and industrial wastes, including ancillary buildings, structures, parking, hardstanding and landscape works.

Address: Ford Circular Technology Park, , Ford Road, , Ford, , Arundel , BN18 0XL,

Thank you for your correspondence received 4 August 2021, 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:

I note that further information and clarification has been submitted on a range of matters including landscape and visual impact and landscaping.

You will be aware that the NPPF has been updated since our previous consultation. In addition to giving great weight to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the updated edition has added that "development within their setting should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise impacts on the designated areas" (paragraph 176). This strengthens the protection and sets a higher bar for development.

No material changes have been made to the proposal to minimise or mitigate the landscape and visual impact on the setting of the South Downs National Park. I therefore refer you back to our previous comments dated 12th May 2021, and reiterate that the objection still stands.

Yours faithfully

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Director of Planning

South Downs National Park Authority

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