

Mid Sussex District Council

Our Ref: SDNP/25/02283/ADJAUT
Contact Officer: SDNPA Planning Technical Support
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30th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant: Mid Sussex District Council
Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Mid Sussex District Council (DM/25/1327) - Variation of conditions 6, 21 and 29 relating to planning application DM/19/3331 - amendment of approved drawings to improve the viability and deliverability of the scheme.

Location: The Martlets Shopping Centre, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9NN,

Thank you for your correspondence received 27 May 2025, 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 two statutory purposes of the SDNP designation are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage,
- To promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of their areas.

If there is a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes precedence. There is also a duty to foster the economic and social wellbeing of the local community in pursuit of these purposes.

Section 245 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (S.245 duty) amends and strengthens the Section 11A (2) duty of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 upon relevant authorities, which includes the National Park Authority itself, to 'seek to further the specified purposes of Protected Landscapes'.

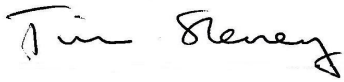
The National Park's comments on the development are as follows:

The application site is in central Burgess Hill, some 2km from the boundary of the National Park. Accordingly, the Authority has no comments to make.

Yours faithfully

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Slaney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'S'.

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