

Wakehurst

Planning Department
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

Date 11/09/2025

Subject: Planning Application for a Weather Station at Wakehurst, Ardingly, Haywards Heath. RH17 6TN

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a planning application for the proposed installation of a weather station at the above-mentioned address.

This application is for a Full Planning Application and includes the following supporting documents:

- Completed Planning Application Form
- Location Plan: 1:2500 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-001 Rev P1
- Block Plan: 1:500 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-001 Rev P1
- Existing Plan: 1:125 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-003 Rev P1
- Proposed Plan: 1:125 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-004 Rev P1
- Existing North Elevation: 1:50 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-005 Rev P1
- Existing West Elevation: 1:50 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-006 Rev P1
- Proposed North Elevation: 1:50 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-007 Rev P1
- Proposed West Elevation: 1:50 - PLANNING-W-1000-00-DR-K-008 Rev P1
- Design and Access Statement

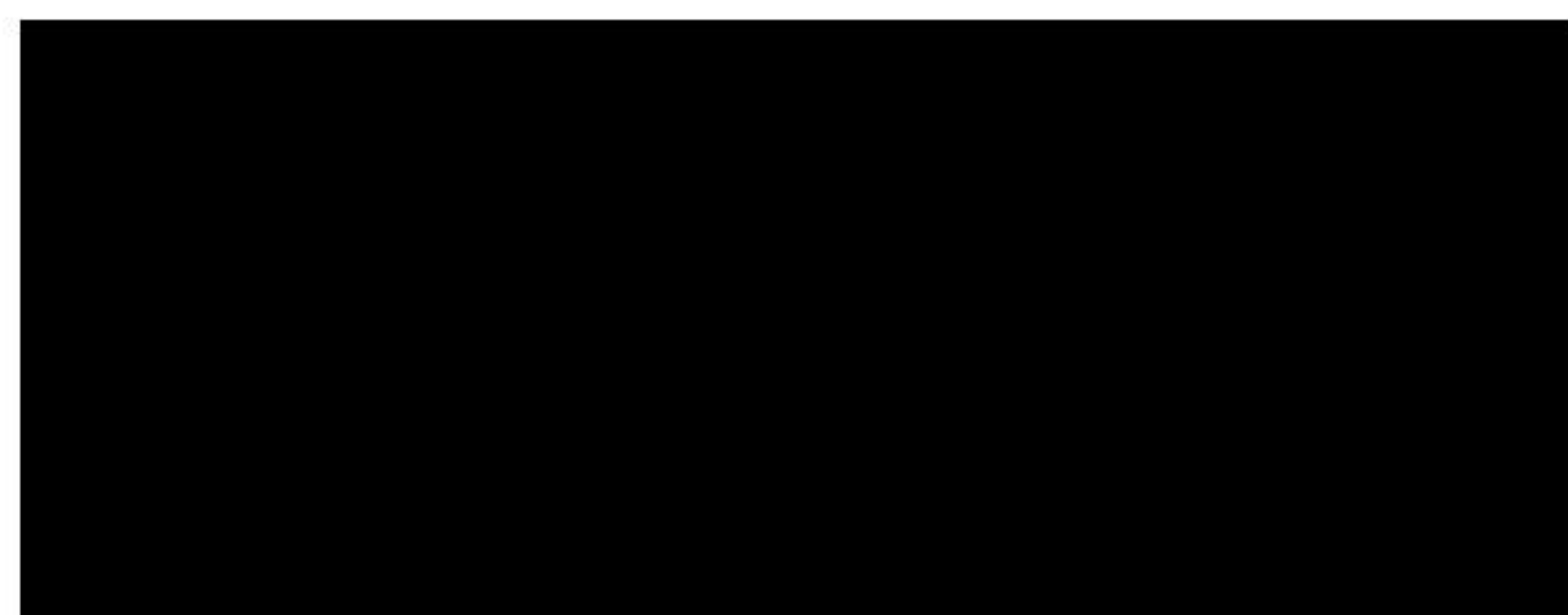
The proposed development involves the erection of a weather station mast and mounted equipment with a total height of 11m within a fenced enclosure that houses the mast and other ground mounted equipment.

The purpose of this installation is to provide a permanent weather station at Wakehurst is essential for monitoring local climate conditions and understanding how weather and climate drive ecosystem service dynamics. Co-locating this infrastructure ensures the data accurately reflect site conditions—unlike existing stations such as Gatwick (~12 km away), which do not represent Wakehurst’s semi-rural context.

The proposed location has been carefully selected to minimise visual impact while maintaining scientific utility. Further information regarding the Design is contained within the Design and Access Statement.

I trust that the enclosed documents provide all the necessary information for you to determine this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

Yours faithfully,



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