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Subject: RE: DM/20/2877 - landscaping update

Date: 2 November 2020 at 16:51

To: Lisa Jackson lisa@jacksonplanning.com

Cc: Nick Rogers Nick.Rogers@midsussex.gov.uk, Sally Blomfield Sally.Blomfield@midsussex.gov.uk, Mark Gibbins mark@indigolandscape.co.uk

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Dear Ms Jackson

Thank you for your email.

Just to update you on certain matters:

I have asked Virginia Pullan to slightly amend her comments from last week, and will upload them to the website when received (tomorrow).

I will be visiting the site later this week (clearer weather is forecast) so that I can form my own view of the landscape issues. I will then discuss with Nick and update you (next week).

We have commissioned a consultant to carry out work on assessing the need case, and the report is expected by 13 November. This should allow you time to respond by 27 November (as I anticipate it) with a view to taking the application to committee on 17 December. The consultant has confirmed that they have no conflict of interest with the objector.

I would be grateful if you could respond to the EOT request, based on the above timeline.

Regards

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Dear Andy

Many thanks for your email. We note Virginia's comments but would reiterate our assertions made in the planning application that any landscape effect is highly localised and the wider impact is largely the same as the consented scheme. The fallback considerations are therefore paramount and what would now be helpful is to understand where

you are on the exploration of the need case with the expert advice that you have commissioned.

The applicant is considering whether to prepare a non-determination appeal this week. In order to avoid this I need to demonstrate to him some positive progress on the application. I would be grateful if we could have a video conference call either today or tomorrow so that we can establish where you are with the recommendation and whether Virginia's response will result in a recommendation of refusal at the committee on 17 December? At the very least I would like to know when you will have a response from your need expert.

I am **CONSCIOUS** the formal determination date expires this Wednesday so I would appreciate a response by return so we can make the necessary arrangements for a call and following this I might be able to persuade the applicant to agree to the EOT you requested before it expires.

Kind regards,
Lisa

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On 30 Oct 2020, at 17:08, Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ms Jackson

Further to previous correspondence, I received updated comments from Virginia Pullan yesterday, which were uploaded to the website then. There are a couple of points I wish to clarify and hence I will be discussing them with her on Monday.

Unfortunately due to the weather this week, I have not visited the site to verify my own views, but I am hopeful I can do so next week. I will then update you more fully.

In the meantime, Virginia has identified that there is one point of correction/clarification regarding point 1.4 in the letter from Mark Gibbins dated 12 October. The Mid Sussex LCA 6 is in fact the High Weald and not High Weald Forest Ridge.

Furthermore, with regards to setting of the AONB, there is a reference in the LVIA at paragraph 3.2.10 to the NPPG advice with regard to setting of protected landscapes – but the NPPF only specifies development within these areas at paragraph 172.

Regards

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