

Horsham Council

Our Ref: SDNP/26/03440/ADJAUT
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2nd September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation

Applicant: Horsham Council
Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation - Horsham Council (DC/26/1168) - Outline application, with all matters reserved, for the phased development comprising: Phase 1 construction of the access road (to be delivered through a subsequent Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Permission DC/24/2006); and Phase 2 residential development of up to 56 dwellings with associated landscaping, pedestrian and vehicular access
Location: Land North of Melton Drive , Storrington , West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence received 25 August 2026, 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.

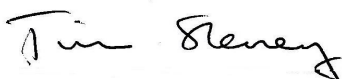
If there is a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes precedence. There is also a duty to foster the economic and social wellbeing of the local community in pursuit of these purposes.

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:

No Comment

Yours faithfully



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