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Dear Ms Clark

Walberton Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2031 Regulation 14 Consultation

Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the above document. Historic England is one of the consultation bodies as set out in Schedule 1 to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Our comments are limited to matters concerning the historic environment, in line with our remit.

Consultation material

The consultation material presented includes the Draft Plan, the Site Options Assessment February 2020 and the SEA Environmental Report, among other documents. Whilst the proposed site allocations are identified in all of these documents, site identification is not particularly easy, due to the scale of the relevant maps, and we had to resort to the posters used for the July 2020 open day to actually identify sites. This should be addressed prior to Regulation 16 stage.

Objectives

We would welcome a specific objective to 'conserve and enhance the historic environment'. The lower tier 'key environment aims' in 5.3 and specific policies that concern the historic environment would logically complement such an objective.

Sites

Policy HP14 Land at Dower House

There is a listed building (the GII Dower House) and a conservation area located in the vicinity of the site. The development of this site needs to ensure that the significance of the listed building and the conservation area is not harmed. However,



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we are of the view that this can be dealt with through design and landscaping as part of any planning application.

Policy HP15 Land to the rear of Longwall

The main access to this proposed site would be located within the conservation area, with a number of listed buildings in close proximity to the access. The access would need to be of a design suitable for the historic environment, taking into account the conservation area, listed buildings and settings. Notwithstanding the lapsed consent, prior to allocation, highways requirements for such an access should be identified in order to establish that an access can be achieved without harm to the significance of the conservation area in particular, but also the GII listed Forge Cottages, whose setting is likely to be affected by the creation of an access here. This is likely to require a heritage impact assessment.

Policy HP16 Sussex Business Park

There are no designated heritage assets that are likely to be affected by the proposed development and site does not lie within an archaeological notification area.

Policy HP17 Gracelands Farm

There are no designated heritage assets that are likely to be affected by the proposed development and site does not lie within an archaeological notification area.

Policy HP18 Fontwell Field

The GII Goodacres is located to the south-west of the site. However, existing buildings and a strong tree-line in the space between the site and the asset indicate that the significance of the asset is unlikely to be harmed. The site does not lie within an archaeological notification area.

3B Buildings and Structures of Special Character Proposed Additions - SAVED

These do not appear to be mapped. This should be addressed prior to Reg 16.

I hope the above comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely



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