



**Direction for a planning application to be dealt with by the
South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)**

Application Reference: SDNP/21/03918/PA30

Name of Local Authority: Chichester District Council

Type of application: Prior Approval CoU B1(a) to C3

Description of Proposal: Prior Notification for change of use for Highfield Building from B1(a) Offices to Residential (Use Class C3).

Site Location: Highfield Building, Former Syngenta Site Henley Old Road
Fernhurst Haslemere West Sussex GU27 3JE

The Direction

Under the provisions of the Section 101 Agency Agreement between the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and Chichester District Council effective from 1st October 2017, the above planning application, SDNP/21/03918/PA30 may have a significant effect on the purposes for which the South Downs National Park has been designated.

In consequence, the SDNPA hereby directs that this application shall not be determined by Chichester District Council. The SDNPA proposes to determine it, or deal with the application itself, as the Local Planning Authority for the South Downs National Park.

Reason for the Direction

This is a prior notification relating to the conversion of a large office building in the countryside from B1(a) Offices to Residential (Use Class C3). It therefore has the potential to have a significant impact on the natural beauty, wildlife and/or cultural heritage of the National Park, and on opportunities for understanding and enjoyment of the National Park - the first two purposes of designation.

Date of Direction: 29 July 2021

Signed:

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Tim Slaney
Director of Planning
South Downs National Park Authority