**SEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

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**CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO EAST SUSSEX C.C RE: APPLICATION LW/799/CM**

**BRETTS AGREGGATES LTD – DEVELOPMENT AT FISHER’S WHARF NEWHAVEN HARBOUR**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN COUNCIL’S PLANNING and HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**- **THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017**

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application and to forward the following response to East Sussex County Council -

The Town Council supports the response made by the Newhaven Town Council and strongly objects to the application on the following grounds:-

**LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT**

The proposed development and the concrete block making plant in particular will have a severe adverse visual impact on the sweep of the coastline from Seaford Head to Newhaven Fort this view is one of the major attractions of Seaford. This major intrusion into the coastline will also have a significant adverse impact on more distant views of the bay from the public viewpoints and public footpaths within the South Downs National Park, from the Vanguard Way coastal footpath as well as around the northern and eastern boundaries of the town and beyond. The Town Council is extremely concerned at the fact that the SDNPA has raised a strong objection to the application on the basis that the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment(LVIA) submitted on behalf of the applicants is fundamentally flawed. The visual impact of the proposals on the area is a crucial issue. The views of the SDNPA must be given due weight and if, in its opinion, the LVIA is inadequate, it is difficult to see how the application can lawfully be approved in its current form. A key strategy for the Town of Seaford as supported by Seaford Community Partnership, Seaford Town Council, Seaford Chamber of Commerce, Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council through Impact Seaford is to improve the local economy by attracting more tourism this visual intrusion will seriously damage this strategy which is for the benefit of the whole Town.

**TIDEMILLS and EAST BEACH**

The development will be seriously detrimental to the Tidemills area and the East Beach. Much of the area falls within the National Park. It is becoming increasingly valuable to the local tourist economy and recognised by residents and visitors for the quality of its unspoilt open space and the unique stretch of open accessible coastline. A very6 rare feature within Sussex coastline. The proximity of the works proposed at the East Quay are likely to interfere with the public’s use and enjoyment of the area and could also interfere with the use of the beach through the movement and deposition of shingle.

**WILDLIFE HABITATS**

The Tidemills area is a designated Site of Nature Conservation Importance and as such should be protected from new development and pollution. The methods used assess the effect of the proposals on wildlife habitats in the area were flawed. The development will be seriously detrimental to these habitats and the general marine environment of the area.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Dust and noise generated by the development is likely to have a detrimental effect on the Bishopstone area of Seaford due to the prevailing south-west winds.

**NEWHAVEN HARBOUR PLAN**

The development does not accord with the policies of the Harbour Masterplan aimed at introducing green and clean industries to work alongside the shore base of the Rampion Wind Farm.

James Corrigan

Town Clerk

Seaford Town Council 14th December 2017