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Mr James Appleton, Head of Planning, Adur & Worthing Councils, Portland House. 44 Richmond Road, Worthing, West Sussex, **BN11 1HS** 

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## **OPEN LETTER**

Dear Mr Appleton

Application ref: AWDM/0961/17: Land West of New Monks Farm Mash Barn Lane Lancing West Sussex and Application ref: AWDM/1093/17 Land at Shoreham Airport, Cecil Pashley Way, West Sussex

Firstly, we request that this letter be posted on the Adur Planning Portal.

We, the signatories to this joint letter, are writing to raise our concerns that committee meetings have been scheduled to consider the above applications in advance of the publication of responses to this final round of consultation from key statutory consultees including the South Downs National Park Authority, Natural England and Highways England.

These planning applications are of huge significance to local people. Over 1,300 people and a diverse range of local and regional organisations have already objected to the New Monks Farm application. These decisions should not be made in haste and without enabling local people, parish councils and other organisations time to respond to key evidence.

These premature meetings are not in the spirit of localism and transparency. We do not believe that Memorandums of Understanding produced on the day of the committee meeting or agreements to resolve key issues once permission is granted are adequate to address the concerns of the local community.

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The undersigned organisations insist that the above applications should be withdrawn from their scheduled July committee dates and rescheduled to give more appropriate consultation timeframes once comments from statutory consultees are publicly available.

Yours sincerely,

David Johnson, Chair, CPRE Sussex

Henri Brocklebank , Director of Conservation Policy and Evidence, Sussex Wildlife Trust

Gloria Eveleigh, Chair, Lancing Parish Council

Chris Todd, Planning and Transport
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Becky Reynolds, Campaigns Officer, Bricycles, The Brighton & Hove Cycling Campaign

Barb O'Kelly, Chair, Adur Residents Environmental Action

Mark Weston, Director of Access, The British Horse Society

Bill Freeman, Chair, Lancing Manor SE Residents Network

Gerard Rosenberg, Chair, Shoreham Society

Bill Freeman, Chair, Adur Floodwatch Group

Chris Drew, Chair, West Beach Residents Association

Gloria Eveleigh, Chair, Beachcroft Place Residents Association

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Geoff Patmore, Chair, West Beach Flood Action Group

John Davies, Rotary Wing Users Representative, Shoreham Airport Consultative Committee

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