

Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan Issues & Options

Summary of Responses

Chapter 2: Shoreham Cement Works Now: A Spatial Portrait

There were a total of 112 responses to this chapter. These consisted of 2 general comments on the chapter and 110 responses to Question 2.

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National Agencies

No general comments received from National Agencies in relation to Chapter 2.

District, Borough, City and County Councils

No general comments received from District, Borough, City and/or County Councils in relation to Chapter 2.

Parish and Town Councils

No general comments received from Parish and/or Town Councils in relation to Chapter 2.

Other Organisations

No general comments received from “other organisations” in relation to Chapter 2.

Individuals

There were 2 individual comments. Of these, one individual commented that Shoreham Cement Works (SCW) is a “modernist classic” and that its history should be reflected in planning briefs. Conversely, the other individual advised that the riverine habitat is important for birds (especially the Common Sandpiper) and the tidal mud banks. The latter also advised that development must; not damage this habitat; and not encourage and/or facilitate recreational access to the river.

Question 2: What three (3) words do you associate most with Shoreham Cement Works?

There were a total of 110 responses to this question. These are summarised below.

National Agencies

No comments received from National Agencies in relation to Q2.

District, Borough, City and County Councils

Adur and Worthing District Council (AWDC) associated the following three words with SCW; mixed use, opportunity, and under-utilised.

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Parish and Town Councils

Findon Parish Council (FPC) associated the following three words with SCW; historic, opportunity, and optimism.

Kingsley Parish Council (KPC) associated the following three words with SCW; old, opportunity, and redundant.

Upper Beeding Parish Council (UBPC) stated that the following three words were prominently used to describe the Shoreham Cement Works (SCW) in the UBPC Neighbourhood Plan consultation: employment, eyesore, and historical. In addition, parish councillors offered the words; housing, regeneration, and tourism.

Other Organisations

The **Greening Steyning Group** associated the following three words with SCW; eyesore, history, and opportunity. Whilst, the **Sussex Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)** associated SCW with the following three words; challenge, money-pit, and opportunity.

SDNPA Design Team: associate SCW with the following words: chalk, cliff, decay, downland, huge, industry, and river.

Individuals

The words most frequently associated with Shoreham Cement Works (SCW) from individuals were: **eyesore (27), historical (18), opportunity (16), and ugly (16)**. Please note, the word “historical” included submissions relating to the words; history, historic, historical, and heritage.

The following words were also submitted by individuals; derelict (13), potential (13), industry/industrial (12), waste/wasted/wasteful/wasteland (9), mess/messy (6), asbestos (5), neglect/neglected (5), wildlife/sanctuary/wildlife sanctuary (5), big/large/massive (4), chalk (3), iconic (3), pollution/polluted/polluting (3), archaeology (2), biodiverse/biodiversity (2), blot (2), challenge/challenging (2), chimney (2), cliffs (2), hidden/hidden gem (2), imposing (2), inaccessible (2), lorries/trucks (2), reserve (2), scar (2), underdeveloped/underused (2), unique (2), wild/wildness (2), brownfield (1), beautiful (1), birds (1), bleak (1), blemish (1), bold (1), community (1), dangerous (1), defunct (1), dilapidated (1), disused (1), downland (1), dramatic (1), dudman (1), embarrassment (1), employer (1), fascinating (1), fire (1), forbidden (1), forsaken (1), green (1), grotesque (1), hazard (1), HGVS (1), hideous (1), housing (1), imaginative/imagination (1), improve (1), isolated (1), keep out (1), landmark (1), liability (1), local (1), majestic (1), manufacturing (1), nature (1), non-ecological (1), old (1), peregrine (1), possibility (1), post-industrial (1), puzzling (1), railway (1), raven (1), regeneration (1), restoration (1), river (1), scope (1), secret (1), space (1), strategic (1), timeless (1), traffic (1), tranquillity (1), unnecessary (1), unviable (1), vandalism (1), vast (1), and white (1).

Notwithstanding the above, there were 8 individuals who did not provide three individual words that they associated with SCW, but instead used the question to put forward the following views:

- “Authority’s lost opportunity”
- “bad local government”
- “leave it alone”
- “landscape nature recovery”

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- “re-wild SDNP now”
- “ripe for change”

Individuals also commented that there should be; improvements to South Downs Way (SDW) road crossing, and opportunity/potential to preserve and enhance biodiversity and natural habitats through woodland, green space, and a reservoir (if existing flood defences removed). Finally, one individual objected to the sentiment that “the site has a significant negative visual impact on the National Park”.