

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY AN OFFICER

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision	Written response to the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme
Date Decision Taken	13.06.2023
Decision Taken by	Trevor Beattie, Chief Executive Officer
Decision Taken (i.e.: approved/not approved/details of any conditions or limitations)	<p>The Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority, authorised the following Urgent Actions in line with the Urgent Action provision as set out in Standing Order 18 of the Authority's Standing Orders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approved the submission of the Authority's Written Representation to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme.
Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken	<p>The DCO will be formally examined under the 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP) process, managed by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on behalf of the Secretary of State. As part of that formal process the SDNPA, as a 'relevant Local Authority', has been invited to submit a 'Local Impact Report' (setting out the positive, negative and neutral impacts of the proposal) and 'Written Representation' (setting out any objections, concerns or matters of support).</p> <p>As the scheme has significant impacts on the National Park, the Written Representation would normally be approved at a meeting of the National Park Authority, however, that has not been possible given the deadline for submitting the response to PINS is 15 June 2023. Any delay to us submitting our response would risk the views of the SDNPA as a 'relevant local authority' not being considered. Given there are a number of matters in the application that the SDNPA objects to, it is considered vital to ensure the timely submission of our responses.</p>
Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected	Due to the short deadline it was not considered practicable to convene a meeting of the National Park Authority to approve the response, however, Members have commented on the response at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 8 June.
Details of any personal interest or conflict of interest	None
Link to background papers and/or supporting information	None
Contact for enquiries/further information	info@southdowns.gov.uk

A summary of this decision will be reported to the Authority or relevant Committee, made available on the Authority's website at <http://www.Southdowns.gov.uk> and made available for public inspection (when permissible) at the South Downs Centre together with any background papers relevant to the matter.

Signed: Richard Sandiford, Head of Governance

Date: 15.05.2023