

M3 Junction 9 Improvement Scheme – TR010055

Summary of South Downs National Park Authority's Written Representation

Reference: M3J9-EIA064

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- I.1 The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) objects to the development proposed due to the significant adverse harm the proposal would cause, contrary to the statutory purpose to conserve and enhance the National Park, and there is a lack of mitigation and compensation for the harm caused.
- I.2 The proposal conflicts with following South Downs Local Plan policies and therefore should be refused permission:
 - SD1 – Sustainable Development
 - SD2 - Ecosystem Services
 - SD3 – Major Development
 - SD4 – Landscape Character
 - SD5 - Design
 - SD6 – Safeguarding views
 - SD7 - Relative tranquillity
 - SD9 – Biodiversity
 - SD11 – Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows
 - SD42 - Infrastructure
 - SD45 – Green Infrastructure
 - SD54 – Pollution and Air Quality
- I.3 The SDNPA has highlighted elements within the proposed scheme which could be improved. These improvements just lessen the significant adverse harm caused. But do not overcome the issue that this major road widening scheme will result in residual and significant permanent adverse effects due to the erosion of the Special Qualities of the South Downs National Park. This harm identified needs to be considered alongside any benefits of the proposal.

