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Our ref: 03224/IR/TN/13432326v1

Your ref:

Planning Portal ref. PP-05853096

Dear Mrs Curley

SMDC: Discharge of Condition 3 of Planning Permission SMD/2016/0315 – Demolition of Log Flume and Installation of New Rollercoaster

On behalf of Alton Towers Resort, a company forming part of Merlin Attractions Operations Ltd, please find enclosed an application seeking approval of details for conditions 3 (materials) pursuant to planning permission ref. SMD/2016/0315 at the Alton Towers Resort. Planning permission was approved on 31 August 2016 for the following works:

“Demolition of existing structures and the installation of a new rollercoaster, construction of associated buildings, landscaping and groundworks.”

The discharge of condition application is accompanied by the following information:

- 1 Completed and signed form;
- 2 Material Samples, which have already been delivered to the Council by Alton Towers.

A cheque for **£97** made payable to ‘Staffordshire Moorlands District Council’ to cover the requisite planning application fee is being provided directly by Alton Towers Resort Operations Ltd under separate cover.

Condition 3 – Materials

Condition 3 requires that:

“Notwithstanding any details shown on the approved plans, the relevant part of the development hereby approved shall not be installed until full details and samples of the external materials and finishes and hard surfacing to be used in that part of the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details to include the ride station/maintenance/shop building, theming envelopes/features, track, support stanchions, fencing, acoustic screens, tunnel and ride cars. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a high quality external appearance and to protect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the setting of the Listed buildings.”

The proposed materials are primarily timber and consist of the following:

- Building wall construction - Timber clad in Waney Lap Boarding
- Roof – Timber Cedar Shakes
- Hard standing areas – Block Paviour (brindle in colour)
- Doors and window frames – Soft wood timber
- Roller coaster materials track and stanchions - Timber construction
- Theming features – Timber themed render and steel
- Fencing - Timber
- Acoustic screens - Timber
- Tunnel and ride cars – Combination of timber and steel. The ride cars will be themed but will be steel coaster cars.

Material samples for the above have been delivered to SMDC by Alton Towers Resort for consideration.

We trust that the information submitted to discharge condition 3 is acceptable to enable the application to be validated and look forward to receiving your decision as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Hannah Whitney.

Yours sincerely



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Planner

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