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Our ref: 03224/IR/TN/13604680v1

Your ref:

Planning Portal ref. PP-05912374

Dear Mrs Curley

SMDC: Discharge of Condition 6 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 (lighting strategy) 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 Proposed Lighting Scheme – Technical Data Sheet
- 3 Letter from Baker Consultants with regards to ecology

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 6 – Lighting Strategy

Condition 6 requires that:

“The development hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until a full scheme of lighting (to include any lighting elements on the ride, structure and/or theming features) together with details of hours of use, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme of lighting shall be accompanied by evidence that it is approved by a qualified ecologist in relation to its impact on bats. Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details. The illumination shall only be used in accordance with the agreed hours of usage.”

Reason: To protect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the setting of the Listed buildings and protected species.”

Technical details of the lighting scheme are submitted for approval as part of this discharge of condition application. As required by the condition, a qualified ecologist (Baker Consultants) has also reviewed the proposed lighting details and the accompanying letter from Baker Consultants confirms that the proposed lighting scheme for the SW8 ride is acceptable in terms of impact on local bat population. As an additional mitigation measure, Alton Towers confirms that the proposed floodlighting will be turned off between 11pm and 5am.

We trust that the information submitted to discharge condition 6 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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