

April 18, 2023

PRESS RELEASE: Charity backs bid to move historic auction house to Ringmer

CPRE Sussex supports application to move Gorrings Auction House from Lewes to new site.

CPRE Sussex is backing an application to move an historic auction house from Lewes to Ringmer.

The charity has submitted a statement of support for Gorrings bid to build a new auction house and associated parking on land next to Bryn Clai, Uckfield Road.

Gorrings is being displaced from its current cramped and inadequate site in North Street, Lewes.

“Although technically just outside the employment land allocation of the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan, this site is well located as a natural extension to that employment site and directly accessed from the A26,” said John Kay, chair of the Lewes District Branch of CPRE Sussex.

“If approved, it will provide suitable new accommodation for a well established and nationally-important local business.

“Gorrings former site in Lewes could also then be redeveloped to provide sustainably-located housing which meets local need.”

In its submission to Lewes District Council, CPRE Sussex highlighted that employees would be able to access the new site via a regular bus service.

The charity also praised the building’s design which would ‘improve views from the country landscape to the west and south-west by hiding existing, more workaday, business premises’.

The full application, reference LW/23/0115, can be viewed via the Lewes District Council planning portal.

-ENDS-

For press inquiries and interview opportunities contact sheena.journalism@gmail.com.

Notes for editors:

About CPRE Sussex

CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health

- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.