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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: A/159/21/PL
Site Address: Mill House Croft Angmering Day Nursery Station Road Angmering BN16 4HY
Description of works: Continuance of use without compliance with condition 3 imposed under A/110/05/ relating to hours and number of children for outside use/play.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 2nd September 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC40068

I strongly object to the removal of condition 3 which would allow all children unlimited access to outdoors 8am-6pm Mon. to Fri. This will create a very significant loss of amenity and in planning terms is over development. This is a residential area with predominantly retired occupants, perhaps like me, in need of a peaceful setting, for their own health. I feel it would create an unacceptable level of noise, potentially all day five days a week, 51 weeks of the year.

Some factors that impact: general interaction between staff & children, squealing, adults singing nursery rhymes & children crying which creates a level of stress.

The applicant states that the reason for requesting this now, is in part, due to new Statutory Framework w.e.f 1st September, which refers to 2019 UK Chief Medical Officers report. This report is for guidance only. It suggests that children aged 2-4 should spend at least 3 hours a day, on average over the week in a variety of physical activities (not 'exercise' as stated by the applicant) INCLUDING but not necessarily outdoor play. Provision is not the sole responsibility of the day care provider. I note that, for 3-4 year olds, it's suggested that 60 minutes of the 3 hours should be 'moderate-to-vigorous physical activity'. Whilst there may be 24* children at all times, given that the nursery advertise flexibility in their hours, not all children are full time or necessarily in the relevant age range. This provides scope to properly provide for activity within the existing permission. *The 2018 OFSTED report shows total number of places as 30, number of children on the roll, 69. Do we properly understand the significance of this, given that the planning condition is for 24 places?

I am not clear about other factors that are motivating the application.

When the nursery was granted permission to increase the number of children by 6 to 24 in total in 2008, the applicant would have known that time outdoors per child would reduce to 45 minutes from 1 hour.

When permission was granted for the Day Nursery in 2005, the conditions were, quote 'To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the enjoyment of neighbouring occupiers of their properties'.

Nothing has changed! The only changes are those that adversely impact on this location as a children's day nursery : There are no longer relevant traffic calming measures in place as stated in the original and subsequent 2008 application and traffic has increased significantly. Both these things impact on the health and safety of the children ie drop off and pick up and air pollution.

The original application was granted for a nursery for 2-4 year olds and yet the Day Nursery website states there is provision for 2-5 year olds.

I am concerned to learn that the applicant has chosen to breach condition 3 and feels that it is acceptable to do so, on the basis that the Local Authority do not receive any complaints. This cannot be an acceptable tactic since it would throw the whole planning process in to question. They may feel that during lockdown it was acceptable to take this approach, we all had to make adjustments, including, having to stay home ourselves, but it is not relevant to this application.

Contrary to public comment, the applicant has not consulted with us or any neighbours we have spoken to, on this or any other planning matter.

I feel the discrepancy in number of places and age range of children is material and requires clarification as part of the determination process. The application however, should be rejected for the reasons given above.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
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