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Your Ref: OWPC26615
Our Ref: A/52/20/PL 17-03-2020
Please ask for:
Amy Myer

30th April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Change of use from florist (A1 Shops) to barista coffee house/micro-bar (A3 Food & Drink & A4 Drinking Establishments). This application affects the character & appearance of the Angmering Conservation Area.

The Enchanted Florist The Square Angmering

Thank you for your internet representation made on 29th April 2020 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

Dear Sirs,

Whilst we applaud new ventures that enhance our village, we at The Lamb feel this is just not the right place or the right time for a Micro Pub or bar.

We make the following observations backing our objection.

1. There is a considerable number of smokers among the beer drinkers of Angmering. You have to provide outside space for them to smoke. The space outside the proposed new venture for smoking is very limited with a significant slope, unsuitable for tables and will interfere with the villagers foot traffic walking with their children to the shops. It is an enclosed right angle space. In our view an inappropriate area for beer drinkers and smokers to congregate and become a real issue for villagers going about their daily business. It is a dangerous corner and very inadvisable to have groups of smokers with pints of beer in such a confined and locked in space mixing with foot traffic. Unfortunately beer and cigarettes are popular together and it will be an ongoing issue.

2. Angmering is already served by 10 licensed premises serving beer within roughly a 2 mile radius, they are, The Lamb, The Spotted Cow, Angmering Manor, The Woodmans, The Fox, The Swallows Return, The Windmill, the Rounstone, Worthing Rugby Club and The British Legion Club. They, currently when open together have the capacity to serve close to 1,000 customers. All of the establishments know there is a vast over capacity in the area. Evidence such as The Woodmans currently closed as it has been for the last 6 months, as the new management could not get enough trade to make a return. Angmering residents already have a very wide choice and any additions will only help to put others at risk.

3. Covid 19. This terrible pandemic will, without question make the licence trade very vulnerable to closures and licencees will be looking strongly to government and local councils to provide help and assistance to keep them alive. What we do not need at present is more competition, a lot of us are already on the brink, taking out loans we will have to repay at the end of this pandemic. Pubs are going to take a very long time to get back to the levels of trade they were doing and sadly many will go out of business before the norm returns.

4. I am not sure if this point comes within planning, if it does not please delete it with my apologies. We understand the intention is to name the Micro Pub 'Old Wilkie'. Old Wilkie as he was affectionately known, was the landlord of The Lamb from 1850 to 1908, his son followed him and the Wilkinson family were landlords of The Lamb for 90 consecutive years. Old Wilkie was never landlord of the Red Lion, where the Micro Pub will be situated, this has been pointed out to the applicant by the village historian but nothing

more has been heard. We therefore strongly object to the name of the intended Micro Pub as there was no connection between Old Wilkie and the Red Lion site. Old Wilkie is written about in the Lamb's history book and he has a room named after him at the Lamb at Angmering. It therefore seems rather ridiculous that he should be associated with a new venture in a building he had nothing to do with.

5 Coffee Shop. the village is already served by two businesses that serve coffee throughout the day. Tea in the Square and the Lamb. We do speciality coffee's using expensive beans ground on the premises as well as various other coffees. Tea in the Square are similar. That is two choices Angmering residents and those who pass through have, we both have spare capacity and it does not seem that another business doing similar in our small square is really needed.

kind regards, Lee Newbon

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

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