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Your Ref: OWPC4317
Our Ref: BE/136/14/PL 07-11-2014
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

24th November 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Change of use from Health & Fitness Centre (D2 Assembly & Leisure) to A1 (A1 Shops).

Unit 3 The Bognor Regis Retail Park Rowan Way Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 22nd November 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I believe the loss of a gym represents a significant loss of a leisure facility that serves over 2000 members ranging in age from 18 to pensioners. It is a source of social contact for many elderly residents as well as a means to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle. There is no other gym of this size and offering the same range of equipment and facilities in Bognor Regis. The nearest comparable gyms will then be Esporta in Littlehampton and the Nuffield in Chichester. With a national obesity epidemic this move would seem short sighted at the least unless the council are going to grant change of usage to a retail space of similar size in order to provide another leisure facility to residents

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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

Karl Roberts
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