

From: Miriam Nicholls
Sent: 25 November 2014 12:40
To: Simon Davis; Linda Standley
Subject: RE: BE/136/14/PL Change of Use of Gym to Retail Unit at Unit 3 Bognor Regis Retail Park

Hi Simon

Economic Development comments are as follows:

Economic Development would not object to this application. We accept that there are no other sites locally which would meet the requirements of the proposed occupier. However, we would have some concern over the number of skilled jobs that would be lost. The application shows a net gain of 39 jobs but we are assuming that these would principally be retail jobs, many of which could be part time.

It would be interesting to know whether Fitness First plans to consider reopening elsewhere within the district and transferring these jobs to that new location.

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From: Simon Davis
Sent: 24 November 2014 15:03
To: Linda Standley
Cc: Miriam Nicholls
Subject: BE/136/14/PL Change of Use of Gym to Retail Unit at Unit 3 Bognor Regis Retail Park

Hi Linda,

I've had your comments stating "Economic Development would support this application". I wonder if you could perhaps issue a second response elaborating on these comments? The reason being is that I'm getting objections and so if I want to recommend approval, I will have to take this to the planning committee. I think we might need something a bit meatier to show to Councillors.

In addition, although the number of jobs will increase, this application will see skilled health & fitness employees lose their jobs and there will be a knock on effect on local personal trainers.

Kind Regards

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