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Your Ref: OWPC4382
Our Ref: BE/136/14/PL 07-11-2014
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

PO21 4BQ

28th 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 28th November 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

FF is more than just a gym and it cannot be simply closed down. It is well attended by many senior locals who use it as a place to exercise, chat and mix throughout the day, but early in the morning especially. Without FF they will lose this interaction with others and many will find it too much to find an alternative venue. The consequences on their well-being must not be underestimated.

FF is also very well served by trained staff who spend quality time with a number of disabled people, helping them through invaluable bespoke exercise routines. Without FF the expertise will be lost to the community and many disabled people will be left seeking alternative arrangements which may not be so easy to find.

I have been a member since 2002 and I have seen how important FF is to such a diverse range of people. I have seen young people talk, laugh and train with older members, groups form from regular attendance to classes and I have seen peoples' confidence develop from these associations. It means that FF is more than a place for people to go and exercise - it has become an essential forum where people from the whole Bognor Regis area meet to mix, exercise, socialise and improve their quality of life. To allocate the licence for these premises to another business will have an adverse impact on many peoples' lives within the area, as well as their general well-being. Please ensure that FF remains at these premises for the sake of many in this community.

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
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration