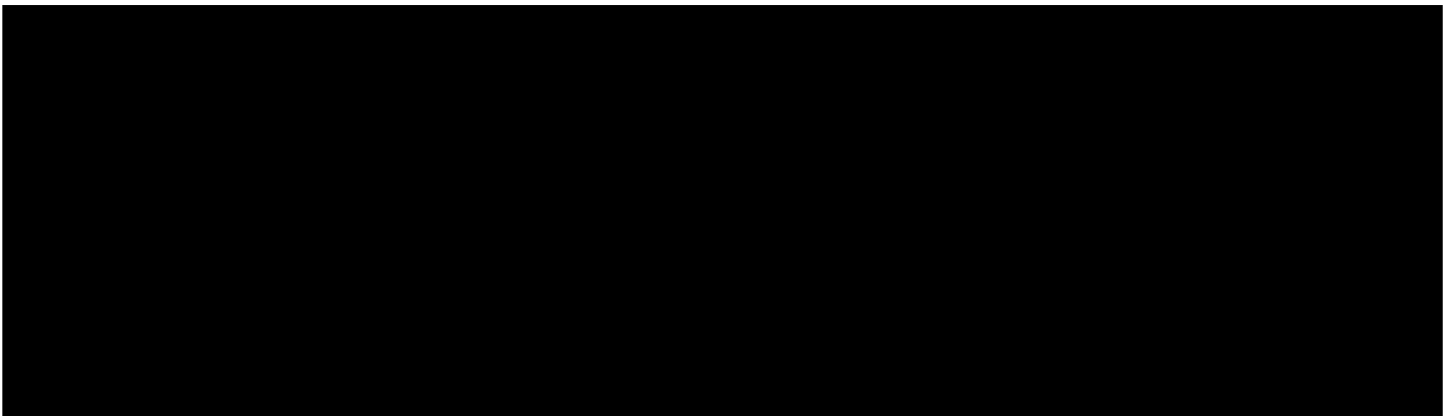




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Date: 29th November 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Reference: BE/136/14/PL

I would like to register my objection to the Change of Use application made by Home Bargains.

Having gone onto the Home Bargains website I found that they sell the same products as the other surrounding shops. If their application goes through this will be detrimental to the other shops in the retail park; Matalan, Lidl, Benson Beds and Rosebyes. They would also affect Tesco's, Sainsbury's and Pets at Home; all of which are within a 10 minute walk of the retail park. We have a Wilkinson's store in the town centre which sell the same as Home Bargains.

At present Fitness First occupies the building to which this application has been submitted for. Fitness first is the only gym in the area that is accessible for all. They run classes that are suitable for members over the age of 50 years and go out of their way to assist their members.

I myself am blind and use a guide dog, after trying to use the other gyms in the area where the staff were extremely unhelpful this was the only gym available to me. They are happy to look after my guide dog whilst I train, they give me one to one assistance that I need, all the staff and visiting instructors have gone out of the way to make their sessions accessible to me. This ranges from giving more verbal instruction, altering some of the exercises and being with me to explain anything I don't understand. This assistance is not available at any other gym. There are also members in wheelchairs and with learning disabilities that attend this gym for the same reasons as me.

If this application goes through where will we go? A lot of elderly people use Fitness First as they do not feel intimidated as they do at the other local gyms. If Fitness First closes as well as all the people that would lose their jobs including the nail technician, reflexologist and massage therapist, a lot of us will not only lose our social life but our health and fitness is likely to be affected.

Please consider the surrounding businesses and the 1800 members that attend this gym of which more than half will have nowhere else to go.

As I am unable to read newspapers or notices would you please be able to keep me updated via email as to what is happening.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs P May