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Your Ref: OWPC4466
Our Ref: BE/136/14/PL 07-11-2014
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

8th December 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 8th December 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

*Fitness First is a well established and popular gym with a diverse and friendly membership, offering a wide variety of classes & equipment.
The gym is suitable for all ages and levels of ability and it is not only beneficial physically & for mental well being, but is socially very friendly too.
This gym has helped me personally in my rehabilitation from a life threatening illness. If this gym had not been in Bognor, it would have been too far and too difficult to attend any other gym and I would not have recovered from my illness as quickly or as well without this gym in Bognor.
The facilities have recently been upgraded at the gym and are very good. The staff are friendly and helpful.
This retail estate does NOT need another shop. The area needs to maintain a diverse range of facilities, including this popular gym.
Many members of the gym go to the existing shops before or after attending the gym. Without the gym, many people would no longer come to this retail park and the existing shops would loose business.
There is no other comparable gym in Bognor, offering the level of equipment, expertise and classes, for such a reasonable cost.
Fitness First is an integral part of the local community and should be maintained.*

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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