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Your Ref: OWPC4756
Our Ref: BE/136/14/PL 07-11-2014
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

19th January 2015

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 19th January 2015 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I missed the Dec deadline but I would still like to make a comment and I hope it will be taken into consideration.

I read in the Observer last week a comment by Tim Miles of planning agents Montagu Evans stating that "there is no demonstrable harm arising from the planning application proposals. There are adequate gym and fitness facilities within the town to accommodate the full range of facilities and activities that will be lost from the closure of the gym". I totally disagree with his statement. I have been a member of Fitness First for many years, just after it first opened. The only other gym which offers the same type of facilities would be in Chichester. As a retired teacher I do not wish to join a gym which has dual use with a school. Fitness first members have to be 16 years of age whereas Inspire Leisure and the Arena have schoolchildren using the facilities during the day. Fitness First is a very good friendly gym used by many people (I understand there are 1600 members). The government is promoting exercise to improve the fitness and health of our society so closing a gym is nonsensical. Home Bargains is a bargain grocery and general merchandise store, another of which is really not needed in Bognor. In the same business park there is already Matalan and Lidl. Rolls Royce will be nearby soon and I am sure their workers would be interested in a gym on their doorstep. I feel a great number of people in the local community will be adversely affected if this gym was to close.

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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