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Your Ref: OWPC811

Our Ref: BN/18/13/

09-07-2013

Please ask for:
Mrs J Chapman

16th August 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Application for the variation of a condition 13 (hours) following grant of planning permission BN/3/09/

Barnham Community Hall Yapton Road Barnham

Thank you for your internet representation made on 16th August 2013 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

We live next door to the, now, Community Centre in Barnham. We would like to point out first that the Location Plan is incorrect and does not show the Community Centre in size or position relevant to our property or others.

The venue in question is a large Community Centre, NOT a Village Hall and this is therefore not a reasonable comparable. There is considerable more activity than a regular village hall and this is highly likely to increase. The Environmental Health Officer has said and I quote, "No evidence is presented to support the statement that other village halls in the area operate longer hours. Noise breaking out from the building or from patrons will increase in significance after 11pm due to its potential to cause sleep disturbance to nearby residents". I suggest anyone who can make those remarks and then say its acceptable has not visited the site and needs to come and stay for a while at 11-15pm.

Comments are also given that there were no complaints regarding the old Village Hall. The old Village Hall was used on odd occasions, was smaller (so fewer attendees to events), used by local Barnham residents and was normally shut by 11-00. There was also a condition that NO doors and windows would be open during events. Also, the car park surface was Tarmac made for 20 cars and it was also next to the road, so cars were quickly gone.

There are now two halls (1 large and 1 small) and when both are being used there could be 60 cars and possibly more going over a gravel surface. At the moment we put up with car park lighting, which is much more than needed, lighting up our bedrooms, cars driving over gravel, girls screaming and people shouting until 11-45pm even though the Centre is shut at 11-00pm. This would then increase till 12-45pm maybe until 1-00pm if the Centre is open till 12-00pm and all the car park lights would be on, lighting our bedrooms even longer.

Our quality of life everyday is blighted by this massive Community Centre. Blade and the Parish Council have repeatedly said that this is not a Village Hall but a Community Centre with plans to extend (see application BN/3/09) with the view of having 3 Halls, a youth room and social club facilities which will increase the volume of people and traffic.

We appreciate that people need to enjoy themselves but it should not be to the detriment of others. If you are going to allow the extension of time maybe just allow Saturdays and New Years Eve.

Although the Hall is sound proofed, could we insist that the doors and windows were kept closed. This would be a similar condition to the previous 'Village Hall' as the Music can be quite loud, especially late at night and Sunday afternoon.

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 to 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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