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Our Ref: BN/18/13/

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Please ask for:
Mrs J Chapman

30th 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 28th August 2013 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I object to this application to extend the operating hours of Barnham Community Hall.

The grounds of the removal of the condition state that it 'places undue restrictions on the use of the hall' and that the 'previous hall on the site was not subject to this condition', on which I would like to respond:

- 1. No evidence is provided that this condition places UNDUE restrictions on the hall.*
- 2. Planning consent was given with this restriction, agreed by the Planning Committee to protect local residents from disturbance. Nothing has changed in favour of this extension since the condition was applied granted by elected Council Members.*
- 3. There is no comparison between this large Community Centre, with multiple rooms, large gravel car park, youth and committee rooms, and the old Parish Hall. Activity has already increased significantly, along with the associated noise disturbance. Extended hours will exacerbate the problems that are already developing.*

In addition, I would like to add the following:

- 1. Such a centre, with additional facilities and services, puts the sustainability of other village halls in the surrounding villages at risk. Extending its hours will give it unfair commercial advantage.*
- 2. The Trust are already planning further building extensions, with additional halls and meeting rooms, putting this building way beyond that of a village hall. There have also been discussions around developing a social club - again beyond a village hall. Once this condition is removed, the nature of how the Centre is used will change considerably from supporting the community, to a more commercial leisure environment. If a public house or a night club were to request permission on the site, it is unlikely it would be given - what's the difference?*
- 3. The surface of the car park has changed since the original application - it is now a gravel drive which makes an unbelievably loud noise with cars continually driving in and out. Environmental health officers and crime prevention advisers (from Sussex Police) have recommended that the surface should be a tarmac type.*
- 4. After the hall shuts, there is residual activity in the car park. Putting a 'please consider the neighbours' sign will make no difference whatsoever and if permission is granted to midnight, it is likely to be 1am before the area is quiet. Disturbance to 1am every Friday and Saturday night is unacceptable.*
- 5. An additional hour of 'drinking time', which is basically what this application is for, will*

bring additional issues. We are already hearing considerable shouting, drunk people making a noise, swearing, car doors slamming, horns beeping etc. More drinking time will increase the incidence of anti-social behaviour. I have a young daughter who has already been woken and frightened on several occasions with the screaming and swearing emanating from the car park.

6. It is impossible for the Trust to control the disturbance once the hall is shut, despite their good intentions.

Please do not underestimate the impact that this will have on local people. Noise, swearing, screaming disturbance is very stressful and it would be unfair to the families, children and older, vulnerable residents here who are having to deal with the additional inconvenience and disturbance that the Centre already brings.

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

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