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The Assistant Director Planning and Economic Regeneration
The Planning Department
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
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West Sussex
BN18 5LF

August 07th 2014

Dear Sirs

Reference: **PLANNING APPLICATION BR/167/14/PL**
Applicant: Mrs A Kalaczynska-Wawrzyczek
Address: Unit 24 Arun Business Park
Bognor Regis
West Sussex

Being a garage proprietor on the Arun Business Park who has carried out Servicing, repairs and MOT's to Class 4/5L and 7 vehicles for over 14 years. I would object to another MOT and service centre garage business starting up at the Arun Business Park on these grounds:

1. There are already six motor vehicle repairers trading on this Business Park. The Arun Business Park is, in comparison to the size of other business parks over populated with the motor trade. In these very hard economic times, we are all finding it extremely difficult to eek out a living and to give people employment. Adding yet another motor trader to the Arun Business Park will just make it even more difficult for the existing motor trading businesses.

2. The A29 Shripney Road by-pass from the Rowan Way roundabout to the Orchard Way roundabout is about 7/10ths of a mile long. The last 4/10ths of this mile travelling southwards on this road has a total of eight MOT testing stations, as well as independent non MOT garage workshops and motor trade related business's established along it! The Arun Business Park boasts three MOT stations alone! I do not object to fair competition but do you not think by adding another MOT station/garage trader to this site it will over populate it with the same businesses.

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3. The General site congestion is already a major issue already causing trading disruption. On many occasions, I as well as my customers find it difficult to gain entrance and to exit to my garage. Especially when there are these large articulated lorries collecting and delivering goods as well as transporter trucks carrying new vehicles to the local Nissan dealership. Together with smaller delivery and trade vans which are constantly in and out of the site creating sometime zero access. During the course of the day my workshop can have in excess of twenty to thirty parts delivery vans dropping off goods. The amenity tip alone creates its own problems when it is busy, with its users queuing out of the site along the A29 Shripney Road by-pass stopping everybody from entering the Business Park. Bringing another possible high vehicle site user will only increase this problem.

4. The application states that it is a change of use from an Autocentre to a garage. The Autocare centre was in fact a Bicycle/motor car/caravan accessory shop and not a garage workshop. This business ceased trading in the early part of 2000. It has since been occupied by a replacement window outlet.

I hope that you will take all of these points into consideration. I will state that these comments are with all due respect to the presenter of this application and have no personal context at all.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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