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Bognor Regis
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Your Ref: OWPC3310
Our Ref: BR/170/14/PL 10-07-2014
Please ask for:
Mr C Cronin

1st August 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Erection of a temporary marquee for use as an additional summer entertainment venue
between the months of June to September for a period of 5 years

Butlins Upper Bognor Road Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 31st July 2014 which has been recorded
as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

We hereby wish to strongly object to Planning Application BR/170/PL. This is the 4th retrospective planning application regarding amusement/funfair rides that we are aware of recently.

The current Marquee has already been erected since the beginning of July and since the Circus started we have been inundated with noise. We can clearly hear each performance within every room of our house. There are 3 performances each day, and one of the main items is a clown who whips the audience into as loud a yelling and clapping frenzy as he is able to, and the acts get the crowd clapping and yelling. The ring master makes introductions which are audible even on the sea front, music and a car back firing are also clearly audible. The ethos of a circus is acts that create noise.

The centre of the Marquee is stated to be 78 metres from the camp boundary, we live 20 metres from the boundary which means we are within 100 metres of the performances with only a canvas layer with openings in between us. There are no other buildings to protect us from the noise. Also should the measurement not be taken from the edge of the Marquee?

Butlins say they do not want to affect their clients or local residents, but people who stay there do so for a few days, 1 week or a maximum of 2 weeks, the whole of the camp is noise orientated and that what the people who stay there expect and know and go there for, then they can leave and get away from the noise.

We live in our homes permanently and to have a performance at 1pm, 4pm and 7pm blasting in the house is not acceptable, we cannot get away from the noise.

At the moment the circus runs for the period of the school summer holidays, Butlins are now asking for a five year period each season from June to September, which is significantly longer, this equates to approximately 288 performances each season assuming that Mondays are a blank day. This is not acceptable, they should have to apply - before any items are erected - each year and only for the period of the school holidays.

No planning notices are erected on the Felpham side of the camp and yet it is many Felpham residents who are affected by the noise problems, so far not even Felpham Parish Council are advised.

Residents do not feel that having to put up with Butlins noise is going to help regenerate Bognor Town Centre!

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
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration