

The Chief Planning Officer
Arun District Council, Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Rd, Littlehampton
BN17 5LF

Lower Dairy Barn
Brookpit Lane
Climping BN17 5QU
October 30th 202

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Re CM/34/25/PL

Dear Sir/Madam,

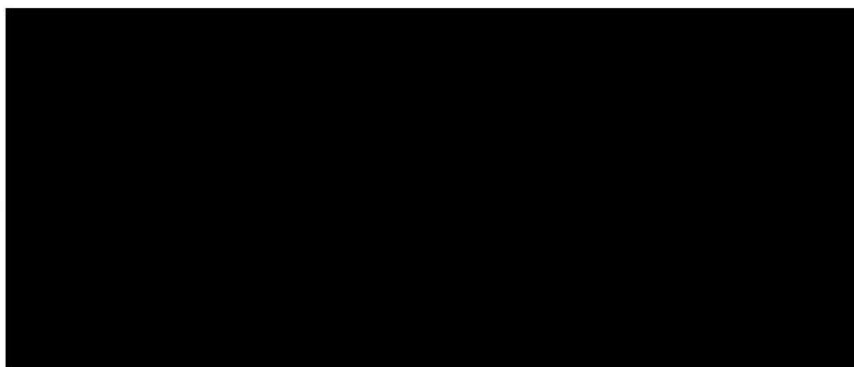
We wish to object to the above application for the many reasons listed below.

1. Siting a Climping Beach Visitor Centre on prime agricultural land with the only access to the beach down a half mile muddy track used by farm vehicles. Totally unsuitable for urgent use of toilets, taking young children in pushchairs with associated beach gear and picnic, buying a quick ice cream and the return trek at the end of a long tiring day on the beach. Use lovely Littlehampton seafront for these facilities!
2. Incredible danger from hundreds of drivers, strange to the area, entering Brookpit/Crookthorn Lanes from both directions. They would be totally unaware of walkers, dozens of schoolchildren with parents and even horse riders or agricultural machinery.
3. Many visitors to the carpark, shocked by the parking charges, will just park in the lane to access café, beach and toilets, upsetting parking access for local residents and school parents. The latter fill the lane twice daily and will not be bribed by a sweetener of using the carpark.
4. This brings us to the most dangerous and worrying aspect of STRANGER DANGER! Hundreds of strangers to the area will be parking unobserved in this isolated lane. Mothers stand and chat and in a few seconds a paedophile in the carpark could offer sweets to an unsupervised schoolchild or toddler sibling and pull them into a van and drive off. It is unthinkable to place a Visitor Centre next to an Infant and Junior School. We must always remember the tragedy of little Sarah Payne's abduction in the quiet lane by Kingston Gorse beach. An application for a restaurant and car park adjacent to the school was withdrawn years ago when shocked parents were alerted.
5. There are several sites much closer to the beach in fields suitable for car parking and basic toilets with access from Climping Street like the original field car park. However a huge commercial Visitor Centre would be entirely inappropriate on any site in the lovely and unspoilt Climping Gap. We thought that the current landowner was keen to Rewild the farm like the Knepp Estate.

Treasure Climping for the rural uniqueness it still represents south of the A259 and enjoy Littlehampton for its lovely beach, facilities for children and disabled people, places to eat and entertainment!

Yours sincerely

John and Barbara Edge



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