

For Arun District Council, Planning Department - **Submission of Objection** by e-mail and Word document attached.

Planning No. CM/68 /21/PL

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My Objection to the Planning Application for Additional Opening hours for the Bald Kitchen Drive Through and Courtyard Café. Their reasoning is that the Garden Centre is open, and they are not.

1. The Courtyard Café run by Bald Kitchen is serviced from the same shipping container as the Bald Kitchen Drive Thru. This facility has no toilets for staff or customers.
2. The Courtyard Café and the shop of Arundel Gardener are accessed by the same Lychgate entrance from the Car Park. Technically, the Courtyard Café may only be open if the Gardeners are open, i.e. the Lychgate is open.
3. Both businesses are clients of Maidenhead Aquatics. The only approved toilets on site are those in Maidenhead Aquatics shop.
4. From the morning Opening Hours they publish (and permitted by their Conditions) **Bald Kitchen is already open Monday – Saturday 17 hours longer than the Garden Centre.**
5. On a Sunday the Arundel Gardener opens at 1030 and closes at 1630. If Bald Kitchen wants extra afternoon hours on a Sunday, then they could follow the same 6 hour slot. Instead of opening at 0800, they would start at 1030.
6. The suggested timing in 5 above, regularises the time the Café and Garden Centre are open. After all, the Courtyard Café is the Café of the Garden Centre. It also regularises the opening of the Lychgate entrance. And finally, the public visiting the site are not confused with 3 different opening times of units off the same car park.
7. Regularising these hours, might mean toilets are available to Café customers through the Arundel Gardener shop and into Maidenhead Aquatics shop.
8. I would mention again the exterior lighting arrangements on the Site. These are switched on very early by 6am (or on all night). The lights and opening hours are a definite intrusion into the life of the residents of the Listed Cottage. Bald Kitchen are responsible for stripping out all the growing screening between the sites and thus until this screening for light and sound is restored, commercialism should be strictly controlled.
9. The Café and Drive Thru are not an amenity for Clymping residents, they are an amenity for passing drivers, or even vehicles specially driven to the site. Clymping has at least one other 'close-by' Café at Serving Thyme. The cafe is indoors, clean, tidy and has toilets.