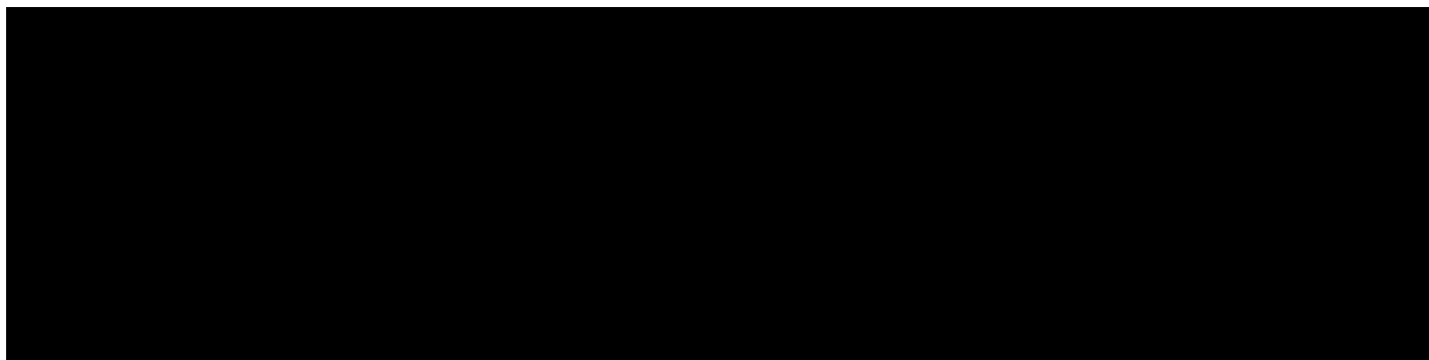
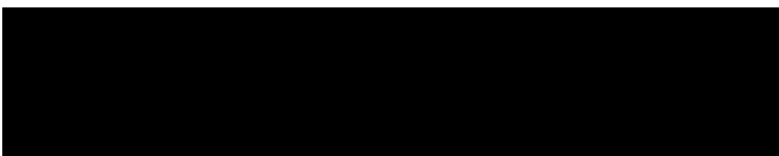


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Dear Mr Crowther / Mrs Gardener

It is not stated who is the author of the planning report for CM/68/21/PL but I note with interest ADC's reasons for recommending The Bald Kitchen's application for extended opening hours on a Sunday be approved..

The statement that 'The client is not suggesting their client base is the same as the garden centre' is incorrect. The application clearly states in section 5 'the café serves the public and the garden centre'

May I draw your attention to the fact that The Bald Kitchen and Arundel Gardener have both recently changed their opening hours. The Bald Kitchen has chosen to close at 5.00 pm Mon – Sat at the same time that Arundel Gardener are now advertising that they will be staying open until 6.00 pm. (that's 6 hours that the drive thru has decided not to be in line with the garden centre's opening times. Similarly, they open 2 hours earlier than the garden centre Mon – Sat (2.5 hours earlier on Sunday) This means that the Bald Kitchen chooses to have more than $\frac{1}{3}$ (20.5 hours) of their current opening hours different from the garden centre. These opening hours also differ from those of Maidenhead Aquatics. Therefore, it is a poor argument to suggest that these 2 extra hours on a Sunday should be approved so that all the businesses have the same opening hours.

When the original planning application was approved, last July, the council granted certain opening hours to the café for the reason: 'To safeguard the amenities of the neighbouring properties in accordance with Arun District Local Plan policies QE SP1.' The information put forward in your planning report under the headings 'Principle', 'Impact on Highway Safety' and 'Residential Amenity' are exactly the same as when the council set the opening hours last July. This means that either the department made an error then or this application needs to be refused. If the council is aware of any information that wasn't available to the planning department when the first application was approved, I would like it to be stated at the meeting on 2nd March 2022, when this matter is discussed, as Arun residents often find it difficult to elicit this kind of information from the council once such meetings have been concluded.

Particularly in the winter, those couple of hours on Sunday afternoon are the only daylight hours that the resident of the adjacent listed house can have even a tiny piece of privacy from the business at the west end of the carpark. These two hours would make very little difference to the business but would have a huge impact on the mental well-being of the resident.

I look forward to viewing the meeting on zoom, safe in the knowledge, that the concerns of Arun council tax payers and voters are being correctly addressed by the planning committee.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Grimwood

