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Your Ref: OWPC19030
Our Ref: FG/105/18/PL 18-05-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

2nd July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Installation of a six-pump (12 filling position) automated petrol filling station ('PFS') & associated works. Resubmission of FG/206/17/PL

Land at Asda Superstore Littlehampton Road Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 2nd July 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

I am writing to object to the revised planning application for the ASDA filling station. My primary objection relates to light pollution, both to neighbouring residential properties but also to the National Park. The canopy and associated illuminated fascia signs, with the proposed hours of illumination would give rise to an unacceptably adverse impact on the visual amenities of the locality. This appears to be in conflict with Policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan, the supplementary planning guidance and the NPPF.

My second objection relates to landscaping. Fir trees are shown on the revised landscaping plan along the boundary to the site and the access lane to Ferring Nurseries. The plan states "to be retained". But at the planning meeting for the previous submission, the ASDA representative indicated that they would be removed for safety issues. Bearing in mind the distance between the filling station and these trees and the fact there is to be planting as part of the new landscaping, I would like assurances that these trees will be retained and will be appropriately maintained by the owner of the site - not just left to eventually perish.

I also have a concern as to the use to which the area previously proposed for the jet washes may be put in the future. I would ask the Council to consider imposing a restriction against future development of this part of the site and to include a condition to landscape and turf this area.

The Planning Committee helpfully gave a swift response to the original application dealing with the issue of the significant noise pollution associated with the jet washing area but the issue of light pollution still needs consideration.

The National Park is the 2nd Dark Sky Reserve in England and the 12th in the World. There are more than 2m people living within 5km and it is one of the most accessible in the Country. Dark skies are constantly under threat from light pollution and to help minimise this, significant work has been undertaken in the replacement of street lights to using downward lighting. Dark skies are not just for star gazing but help protect nocturnal wildlife such as bats.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has

been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

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

Neil Crowther
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