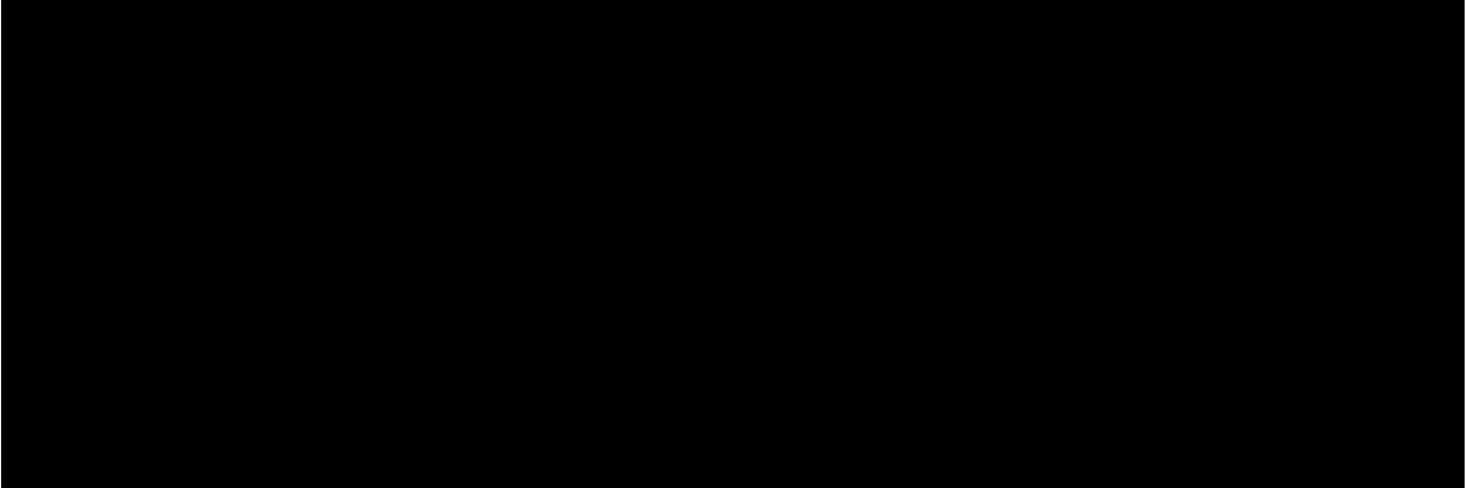




From: stuart whisby 
Sent: 02 July 2018 11:36
To: Anita Gardner
Subject: Ref - FF/105/18/PL

Dear Anita
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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.

I am aware you have completed and uploaded a Biodiversity Checklist however this does not seem accurate in accordance with the nesting birds and or dormice, I say this as our property directly backs onto the trees of the edge of the proposed construction and we have seen many nesting birds / Bats and dormice, I fairly confident that there are great crested newts in the vicinity also.

Kind Regards
Stuart & Rachel.