

12th July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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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

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 11th July 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

*Our property backs directly on the site of the proposed filling station.*

*From a safety stand point I feel strongly that such a highly flammable and explosive material such as petrol, in the volume that a filling station would hold, should not be located so close to a residential site. There would be no protection for us from fire or explosion, our properties would suffer significant impact and would undoubtedly endanger lives. Inhalation of petrol fumes is highly dangerous due to the carbon monoxide content and whilst it would be indirect, prolonged exposure to fumes can cause lung damage too; fumes will be carried in the direction of our properties.*

*2 bedrooms of our property (occupied by children) directly overlook this site; currently there is little to no traffic noise from the carpark as the store is not very active between 10pm and when it closes at midnight, the addition of 24 hour facilities on this sight will drastically change this, in particular during the summer months when bedroom windows are open during the night. No one wants to smell petrol and diesel whilst they are in their home or garden let alone have that 24 hours a day. Children have enough distractions from sleep with electronic gadgetry and TV, once we do get them to bed it's unfair to then disturb their sleep with the noise of car doors slamming, conversation, pumps clanking, and delivery tankers pumping through the night.*

*If you were taking the family out for a picnic you wouldn't park up next to a petrol station, if you wanted to leave your baby in a shaded area on a summer's day would you park your pram up next to a petrol station and leave those young lungs to breath in the polluted air?*

*If you were choosing a school for your children would you pick the one that had a playground backing on to a petrol station? Be honest, if someone wanted to erect a filling station at the rear of your garden you would strongly object, so why allow ASDA to turn the private recreation area all our neighbouring gardens in to an unpleasant place to play, relax or dine in the summer months when there is a perfectly viable option to locate it elsewhere on their site.*

*The row of 10 metre + conifer trees provide our garden with some privacy and noise cushioning, however I see from the proposal that these are referred to as only 4 metre high conifers, I am concerned that this is a sly way of slipping in permission to more than half the height of these trees to allow the installation of some high brightly lit 24 hour sign advertising the petrol station, is that the plan? As it is the proposed height of the canopy over the pumps is 5m so if the trees are cut down to 4m the canopy alone will be 1 metre above the trees.*

*There is no mention of proposed signage but we are all familiar with the 10 metre+ illuminated signs showing petrol prices that they can be seen far in advance of the station, is this a planned feature that will cast more light and disturbance in to the rear of the property after dark?*

*I see from the revised plans that the jet washers, vacuum and water/air service machinery has been removed, however if this plan is approved I suspect they will immediately apply to add them in and/or a kiosk/LPG store thus creating even more risk, noise, dirt and pollution directly behind our property. We already know that ASDA don't honour their current promises of 50% light reduction in the car park after midnight and their failure to maintain the fencing that borders the original residential properties closer to the main store.*

*A filling station at this site would be of benefit to the wider community and I don't object to it being elsewhere on the site e.g. where the current bus stops are and put the bus stops behind our property.*

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](http://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

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