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West Sussex

Your Ref: OWPC19296
Our Ref: FG/105/18/PL 18-05-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

16th 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 12th July 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

I oppose the Resubmitted ASDA plans for an automated 24 hour petrol filling station. I do acknowledge that the resubmitted plans now forgo the development of the two jet washes however the residents original concerns still apply to such a highly intrusive request for a PFS at the end of our gardens.

The proposed site lies at the end of my family garden within the newly built Taylor Wimpey site 'Greenside'. We, as with many owners here, are raising young families and chose the site for its location within the lovely rural village of Ferring, and the compact size of Greenside providing us with a home we had anticipated to be in for life however are now highly concerned re the detrimental issues below

- *Air Pollution / Environmental health issue - research has shown that living within 100yards from a petrol station, that the air is often polluted and can harm local residents. Scientists from the University of Murcia studied the effects of contamination at petrol stations that is potentially harmful to health. Marta Doval, co-author of the study and a researcher at the Spanish university, said: "Some airborne organic compounds such as benzene, which increases the risk of cancer have been recorded at petrol stations at levels above the average levels for urban areas where traffic is the primary source of emission." In the three cases studied a maximum distances of influence of close to 100 metres was found although the average distance of contamination was around 50 metres which is about 60 paces.*

- *Safety concerns for possible fuel leakage or explosions.*

- *Unable to enjoy our own garden due to noise and air pollution and security concerns. Under Human Rights Act we all have a right to enjoy our own gardens. With the recent warm weather opening windows has aided night sleeping however having a petrol station so close would prevent us even wanting to open windows throughout the night due to noise pollution. The nearby A259 noise is often forgotten as it's a continuous background noise however having up to 12 cars/motorbikes/lorries stopping/starting engines, doors opening/closing, radio noise, on top of people noise would be a noticeable irritant at any time of day or night. Compounded by security issues of our property and young children.*

- *Light Pollution having a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the locality which would be in conflict with Policy GEN7 of Arun District Local Plan.*

Please also refer to M Brumi's letter dated 18th June re light pollution she has personally endured for a short period to obtain a view of what we would potentially be enduring. The Asda store itself has a lighting restriction to reduce lighting to 50% after a certain time however have not adhered to this nor have commented upon nearby residents of Huntley three requests. Neither have Asda repaired the boundary fence they erected for Huntley since it was damaged over Christmas 2017.

- *House value immediate devaluation and potential re-sale issues. Is it a co-incidence that*

houses were all sold prior to the ASDA original petrol station application?

It goes against the spirit of the local and neighbourhood planning and should be carefully considered before a travesty of justice and irreconcilable damage to the protected landscape is permitted at a considerable loss to us and future generations

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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