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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/123/20/PL
Site Address: Land at former McIntyre Nursery Littlehampton Road Ferring BN12 6PG
Description of works: Demolition of a polytunnel, storage building & scaffolders' shelters & racking, use of land for Class B8 container self-storage & the siting of 79 No. single-stacked storage containers, part regrading of the ground, new fencing, CCTV & lighting. This site is in CIL Zone 3 (Zero Rated) as other development & is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 22nd October 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC30613

This application is a departure from the development plan and contrary to the Ferring N.P. and Arun Local Plan. The previous application FG/33/18/PL for 42 storage containers was strongly contested by Ferring Parish Council and the Ferring Conservation Group amongst others due to the unwarranted change of use and loss of land designated for agricultural/rural purposes. Safety concerns were highlighted over the volume of potentially large vehicles using the narrow track which is also a bridleway and popular walking route to access Highdown Hill and gardens. Had the original application been for a total of 121 containers, there is a strong likelihood that the application would have been dismissed as industrial over-intensification of a site located in such a sensitive position within the Angmering / Worthing gap. Adding 79 further containers now creates that over-intensification and the prospect of such an increase in large vehicle movements on a shared track not only presents a very real safety concern but also harms the accessibility and amenity for the public on horseback, cycles or walking; especially at a time when such activities and accessibility are being actively promoted by government and councils.

The scaling up of the intensity of potential traffic movements, lighting and noise cannot claim to be contained within the parameters considered within the previous application. The natural screening provided by established trees was a significant consideration previously and the approval was followed up by TROs being applied to ensure the long term protection of the trees and the screening considered necessary. This area is also subject to the Dark Skies requirements for the National Park and greater intensification will only risk a detrimental impact on those requirements without stringent conditions being applied and strictly enforced should any extension to the current operations be approved.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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