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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/138/21/PL  
Site Address: Millwood House Littlehampton Road Ferring BN12 6PG  
Description of works: Change of Use of land to open air storage (Class B8), including 12 equal sized open air storage yards, lighting and CCTV. This application is in CIL Zone 3 (zero rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 9th September 2021 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC40252

I am disturbed by all the negativity and misguided objections to the above application for 12 small open storage units on the land north of Millwood House. Having just recently moved from the area after over 40 years of living there and working the commercial greenhouses on this site I feel in fairness to the applicants to share my knowledge of this site.

The land that Millwood House stands on and the proposed site for the storage units, may at one time, have been suitable for agriculture, but due to, whatever reason, poor husbandry or neglect, has over time, become useless for the growing of decent crops, of any sort. In our time Mr McIntyre cleared the site that Millwood House stands on and covered the whole area with black membrane on which he cultivated cuttings in pots for his Industrial Landscaping business. The first owners of Millwood House tried to comply with the agricultural tie by planting a large orchard of apple trees, for the production of apples for cider making, such was the poor quality of the land, virtually every tree died.

The land proposed for the storage units in our time was never used for growing. Along side the agriculture farm Mr McIntyre ran a landscaping business. His company used to do landscaping on an industrial scale, major trunk roads and retail parks and much of his machinery was stored on this site. The land here is nothing more than flint on chalk, no soil of any depth. It was also fully screened by a hedge of poplar trees, which are still standing, and the land cannot be seen either from the road, the surrounding businesses or from the top of the downs.

The entrance to the proposed site from the A259 has been in existence for further back than our time there. Originally a set of five bar gates, which Mr McIntyre replaced with gates within brick pillars. There has always been a road way onto the property here, well before the house was built, used by heavy farm vehicles and it is nearly if not exactly the same width as the entrance now used for the industrial complex. A road which is still a single track road. At one point he considered making an in out entrance to his property, traffic entering

through the west entrance and leaving by the east entrance.

The said road from A259 passes by the glasshouses which belong to the neighbouring property and thus the neighbouring property was sheltered from any noise of the said road traffic. This was further protected by a row of Leylandii trees which were planted by the previous occupants and they were grown to a height to provide privacy and protect the glasshouses from wind damage, hence also reducing any noise of traffic by the McIntyres and subsequently occupants of Millwood House

Due to the contentious issues raised I would suggest the planning officers review the site and surrounding area to fully appreciate the delicacy of the balance between conservation and the rights of owner/occupants to earn an income from their own lands

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

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning 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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