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Your Ref: OWPC4176
Our Ref: FG/149/14/PL 10-10-2014
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

31st October 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

New storage facilities for existing scaffold yard and firewood yard (related to landscaping contractors). Replace structures to be demolished. Resubmission following FG/108/14/PL

Former McIntyre Nursery Littlehampton Road Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 31st October 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

Ferring Conservation Group objects to this application for the very reasons given for refusal of the previous application FG/108/14: this is still inappropriate to a rural area, which is on the very edge of the South Downs National Park and provides the setting for Highdown Hill. It is also an area designated in the Council's policies and emerging Local Plan as the Angmering Strategic Gap where development should be resisted.

The site was originally nurseries, fully compatible with a rural area. It was then 'Landscape Contractors', which might be compatible. But the Planning Statement describes it now as a 'large-scale commercial site'. I do not believe planning permission has been given for such a large-scale commercial use.

The application is for 'New Storage facilities for existing scaffolding yard and firewood yard (related to Landscape Contractors)' but there is no mention of landscape contracting work being carried out on or from this site, and in any case, scaffolding and firewood have nothing to do with landscape gardening.

As with other parts of the new Angmering Gap, there has been a serious erosion of its agricultural and rural character: developers are continually trying to expand the commercial uses of the land. We applaud recent efforts of Arun DC to halt this erosion and maintain its rural character. Far from granting this application there is a good case for a thorough investigation of this and other sites in the Gap to see what unauthorised commercial development has been carried out - Ed Miller, Ferring Conservation Group

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go to the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your

comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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

Karl Roberts
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration