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Your Ref: OWPC4224
Our Ref: FG/149/14/PL 10-10-2014
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

10th November 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 7th November 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

This is a subsequent application to one previously submitted, Ref.FG/108/14/PL. Clearly the applicant has made every possible attempt to make the current application acceptable by:

Reducing the height of the proposed storage buildings to 3.0 m. Quoting Arun's Local Plan Policy Gen 1, Gen2, Gen3, Gen7 & Policy Dev.8 as if the current application is within these requirements.

Also, the applicant mentions that "The use now takes place within a large scale commercial site contained by well defined boundaries. (However, the lower slopes of Highdown Hill are rural and not commercial by any stretch of the imagination.) In addition, the applicant mentions: "Planning Policy is silent on the issue of shelters for storing materials but that the acceptance of other storage facilities on the site has been established through existing development on the site." In other words, because inappropriate development has slipped past in previous times, this creates a precedent for storage shelters for inappropriate materials (Scaffolding!) in the present and future.

The seeming reasonableness & well constructed arguments above are ignoring the fact that storage of scaffolding materials is outside suitability for the lower slopes of Highdown Hill, which land now forms part of the new Angmering Strategic Gap and the rural nature of the area. This rural nature is in danger of being, piece by piece, changed.

I note that a prior refused appn. FG/76/09 of 7.8.2009 asked for continued use of the polytunnels for storage of motor vehicles. The proposed site layout plan to FG/149/14/PL dated 13.10.2014 includes these polytunnels but their use appears not to have been described. (Storage of vehicles?)

I therefore object to this application as the content is unsuitable for the continuance of the rural nature of the area and request Arun's staff and Councillors to apply their most serious condition to the proposals.

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 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
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