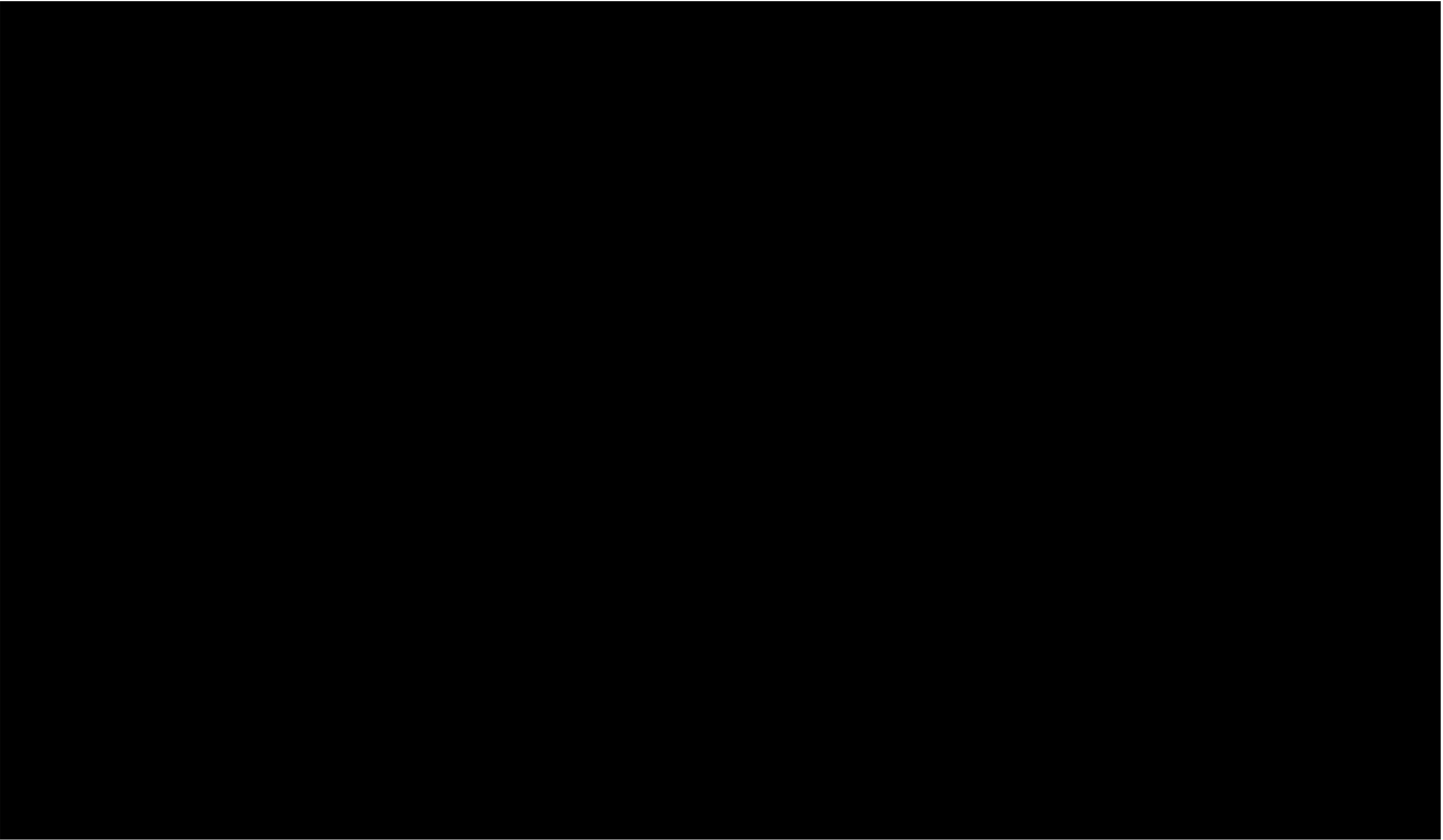




From: Geraldine Sperring [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2018 16:41
To: Planning
Subject: Re FG/159/18

FG/159/18
Blue Bird Cafe planning application

Dear Sir/Madam,

We strongly object to the proposed planning application for Blue Bird Cafe.

There are errors in the submission.

There is not capacity at present in the carpark for 100 cars. Frequently much of the carpark is inaccessible for pedestrians and unsuitable for parking because of huge puddles covering large areas which take days to dry out even in warm weather. The beach huts are in frequent use and owners should take precedence over the drier parking areas near their huts. Dog owners park in the same carpark for exercising their dogs on the greensward, also walkers who do not use the cafe.

The majority of people using the cafe arrive by car. The adjacent roads are private roads maintained by the owners' association. No parking signs are frequently ignored. The green verges are privately owned and blocked by upright concrete slabs « dragon's teeth » and not negotiable as footpaths especially in wet weather or with a wheelchair or buggy. The owners would not appreciate their well-tended front areas of grass being designated as footpaths which are protected from both cars and walkers. Pedestrians walk on the road, not on the verges.

South Drive frequently has cafe parking on both sides of the road because there is no space in the carpark. This spills into adjoining roads. Florida Road for example is a much narrower road and road parking impedes access.

The present speed limit in Ferring is 30 m.p.h. not 20 m.p.h as stated. Certainly 20 is a desirable limit for the narrow and often winding roads but this is not the official limit. Pedestrians need to be clearly visible on the road, not dodging in and out of parked cars.

The cafe is seeking to increase its capacity by 100 places to 235. It is difficult to see how 100 extra customers require just one extra person of staff. This one person is going to have an enormous amount of work cooking and serving.

Ferring is a quiet residential village with a large elderly population. Apart from the Blue Bird cafe, Ferring sea front is entirely residential or greensward. To have a large commercial establishment regularly catering for large parties and weddings and all that this entails is completely out of keeping.

At the present time Ferring has a pleasant and unspoiled beach popular with walkers.

Families and children can enjoy the grass area and beach. There is something very traditional about this area which is important to retain. It should not become commercialised which the Blue Bird cafe proposes.

The proposals for the Blue Bird extension are disadvantageous to the local residents because of increased traffic, road parking and noise. The proposals seek to profit the cafe owners not to enhance the village.

Yours faithfully,

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