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Re Planning application : FG/159/18

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having been a resident in Ferring for over 30 years I was very concerned when I heard of the plans to extend the capacity of the Bluebird (previously The Lemon tree) Café. The existing situation especially at high season with parking on the surrounding roads is barely tolerable without a further expansion. The car parking facilities for the beach and Café although possibly adequate out of season (except on sunny weekends and school holidays) are wholly inadequate on sunny weekends in autumn, spring and summer.

At the worst of times, when the beach car park becomes quickly full (and chaotic) visitors inevitably resort to parking on the narrow surrounding roads. This action invariably results in cars obstructing driveways, parking close to corners and on alternate sides of the roads.

This situation often becomes so bad that I, along with many residents, live in fear of an Emergency Vehicle such as an Ambulance or Fire Engine being unable to gain access.

On one extreme occasion I had to pose as a local traffic warden to prevent an example of particularly selfish and inconsiderate parking. In a similar vein, the width of the roads and general congestion with ever-increasingly wider cars and other parked vehicles makes pedestrian access, especially for those who are disabled especially in wheelchairs, at times hazardous if not downright dangerous. The planning application also refers to 'extending Patterson's walk' and states a 'safe cycling environment' again neither of which are true.

It is obvious this situation will worsen if the café's owner receives permission to expand. The owner's plans understandably, paint a rosy picture in many ways, including aspects of access, some of which are frankly misleading and others completely untrue. The local roads are not 'subject to a 20mph speed limit' but to 30mph. The plans also describe that there are wide verges provided on either side of the road which is again simply not true with some verges being impeded by trees, concrete obstacles (to dissuade parking) and in places the verges are absent due to some owners selfishly extending their gardens to the edge of the road in contravention of normal practice.

I hope common sense will prevail and the application fails.

Yours sincerely,

