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Dear Sir/Madam,

PLANNING APPLICATION REF NO:FG/159/18/PL - BLUEBIRD CAFÉ,
FERRING

I wish to raise an objection to the plans to extend the Bluebird Café in Ferring.

I am a home-owner and permanent resident of Kingston Gorse Estate, which is adjacent to the Bluebird Café site. As such, I pay an annual fee for the upkeep of the Estate, including the roads, verges and the greensward.

My main concern about the proposed increased development of the Bluebird Café is that it will result in attracting significantly more people to the Café. This will significantly increase the footfall along the greensward for people walking, cycling and walking dogs, leading to increased wear and tear and an increase in the amount of uncollected dog mess along the greensward. This will not only increase the cost of maintenance for the greensward which will result in increased Estate fee costs to myself and other residents, but will also reduce the enjoyment of walking along the greensward, which is currently owned by Kingston Gorse residents.

In addition, it will also bring increased pressure on the car park at the Bluebird Café, which can already be full at peak times of the week and year. As a result, I believe that this may cause car drivers to seek alternative ways of accessing the Café. As Kingston Gorse provides the nearest alternative road access to the Bluebird Café I believe that this may increase vehicular traffic on the Kingston Gorse Estate which could reduce safety on the Estate and its access points. Currently the Estate is a quiet place, which local walkers, cyclists and children can use safely. Extra traffic along the narrow Kingston Lane and on the Estate roads will also reduce safety and inconvenience residents, with more cars seeking to park on the Estate and its verges – leading to a potential further increase in the cost of Estate security and maintenance costs.

I would be pleased if you could consider these issues and refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Hannon

