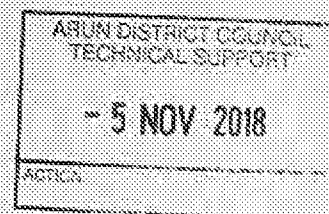


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Dear Sir Ref: Planning Application: FG/159/18/PL Bluebird Cafe I make the following comments on the planning application relating to the Bluebird Café. Please accept this communication as an objection to the planning application.

We moved to 5, The Strand, Ferring 20 years ago mainly to be close to the beach with sea views and uninterrupted evening sunset's in a tranquil village overlooking the beach huts and Bluebird café which was then a small beach side café in keeping with the character of the local village.

Since then the café has already been extended with a hatch at the back to accommodate additional custom from local residents and neighbouring villages, resulting in increased popularity of the local area. Making it now a very busy destination especially during the summer months.

This proposed further development to extend and over **double the size** of the existing Café, will make it become more like a restaurant with a large function room for evening events, which will inevitably attract significantly more custom from a wider area and have a detrimental impact on local residents and neighbouring properties which we are one of the closest.

For us, the physical size of the building would become an imposing structure as well as blocking out more of our sea view and evening sunsets in particular during the autumn and winter months. See attached photo's.

Under the current opening hours, the café closes by 5.0pm during the day and the hatch at 7.0pm in the summer. This allows us to enjoy the peace and quiet in the evenings, once the visiting customers have left. The proposed extended hours to 9.0pm weekdays and 11.30pm for evening events (which there will be significantly more off) will undoubtedly attract more constant day and evening traffic, noise, dust from the carpark, litter and general late night disturbance to us the adjacent property owners.

Access to our property is already chaotic in the summer due to increased car parking in the roads and the dangerous corner we all have to negotiate to get into the Strand, which is one of the reasons the council blocked a development to build flats along the Strand some years ago. This development will only help to perpetuate this disruption all year round.

Whilst we aren't opposed to improvements to the building, this **size** of development isn't in keeping with the ethos of a local beach side café and should it go ahead, we feel it will have a negative impact to ourselves as well as the local community.

Yours faithfully



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