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Your Ref: OWPC20436
Our Ref: FG/159/18/PL 19-08-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

6th November 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Two-storey extension to the existing Cafe in order to provide increased internal seating, multi-purpose space, with improved service & food preparation area, disabled access & bike storage.

The Bluebird Cafe South Drive Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th November 2018 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I would like to register my support in favour of the Bluebird Cafe planning application. I have no doubt that the area benefits hugely from the popularity of the cafe and believe that the proposed development will enable them to offer their faithful and widespread clientele more extensive indoor and seating facilities. In doing so, this will also relieve the overspill that is a usual feature of the Bluebird's popularity, as customers (currently) wait for available seating.

I would also like to offer a counter perspective on the main objection, namely that the Bluebird's expansion will impact on parking in the immediate area (car-park) and surrounding streets. In truth, this suggestion is a misnomer as the car-park is already filled to capacity throughout the Summer months and therefore no amount of development of the cafe can result in any more cars being parked there. Likewise, the local streets (I live in West Drive) are also completely lined with parked cars. As a consequence, contrary to the view that the development will jam the village with further parked cars, the truth is, there is nowhere else for any more cars to park. The fact is that the Bluebird already attracts customers from far and wide and will continue to do so whether they develop their site or not. However, by developing, whilst there is no physical possibility of any more cars filling either the car-park or village, it will mean that the aforementioned customers will have their wait reduced, more seats available and reduced overspill on to the surrounding beach area. I am confident that all the development fears will prove unfounded and that this next phase of the Bluebird's history will be to the continuing and great benefit of the village as a whole.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or

information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

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

Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning