

# *Ferring Roads Scheme Association*

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BN17 5LF



1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Dear Sir,

## **Re: Planning Application FG/159/18 – Bluebird Café**

I am writing on behalf of the above Association to object to the above application on the following grounds:

### **Road Access**

The only vehicular access to the café is from privately owned and maintained roads to which the café makes no contribution. Each resident owns a portion of the road and our Association maintains the surfaces to a high standard. Funding is provided through voluntary contributions from the majority of residents. It is patently unfair to expect homeowners to bear the burden of the increased wear and tear on the roads caused by the inevitable increase in traffic that the proposed extension to the Bluebird Café would generate.

### **Safety for pedestrians**

Almost all roads in South Ferring have no pavements and the grass verges are all part of the property so not public footpaths. Any increase in traffic is likely to make it more hazardous to walk throughout the roads leading to the beach. There is no street lighting in South Ferring and although the café would not normally be open at night, in winter afternoons torches are used by 4.30pm – when the Bluebird is still open for business – an additional cause for concern.

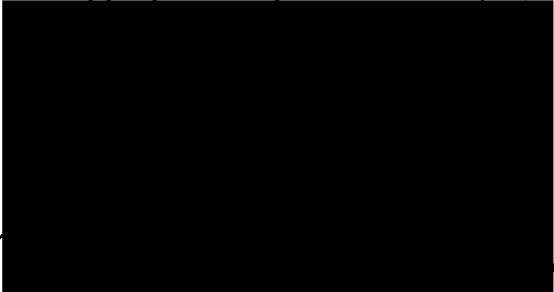
### **Access to the car park**

The existing 'road' leading to the car park is single lane and would make access very difficult for emergency vehicles such as ambulances or fire engines. There is no alternative route and the potential dangers are obvious.

### **Parking**

Although not within the remit of the Association, the committee would like to express their concern about the parking in the private streets and roads that would inevitably increase if the Bluebird Café doubled in size. There have already been instances where residents have been unable to get into or out of their own drives because of careless/illegal parking and where buses have been delayed by thoughtless parking.

The Committee of Ferring Roads Scheme Association feels that this application is totally inappropriate and should be rejected.



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