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Reference: FG/159/18
Bluebird Café, Ferring



Dear Sir,

If this development plan is allowed, the traffic and access difficulties that Ferring residents have to live with at the beach end of West Drive, will balloon.

The current situation is that during summer and autumn the beach car park serving the Bluebird Café is often full of cars.

When that happens:

1. those unable to get a parking space in the beach car park, choose to park as close as possible to the beach entrance where West Drive and South Drive meet.
2. Pedestrians have to walk in the road around these cars to avoid walking over front gardens.
3. I have not witnessed this but understand that when cars are parked on and near the corner of South and West Drive, so narrowing the corner, the bus cannot complete the Ferring circuit and has to reverse the length of South Drive.
4. The single lane access drive to the car park becomes congested as cars jockey to get in and out, reversing around blind corners at both ends of the access drive. Pedestrians have to dodge the traffic. (The reversing issue is a year round one but can become a circus in summer.) It is an uncomfortable and potentially dangerous situation.

That is the current state of affairs.

If this development is allowed it is inevitable that the Bluebird will attract an even greater number of visitors. The consequential increase in traffic will turn an occasionally sticky congestion problem into an enduringly calamitous one.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of John Manning.

John Manning