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Your Ref: OWPC17317
Our Ref: FG/206/17/PL 27-12-2017
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

9th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Installation of a Six Pump (12 Filling Position) Petrol Filling station, Drive-to-Pay Kiosk & associated works including Jet Wash, Air/ Water Services & Vacuum Equipment
Land at Asda Superstore Littlehampton Road Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 8th February 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

Ferring Conservation Group strongly objects to the further intensification of the commercial use of this site, which has changed from a plant nursery to a garden centre, to a medium-sized all-purpose store, then given planning permission to rebuild as a larger local store, only to be sold to ASDA and operated as a gigantic 'superstore', all within clear sight of Highdown and the National Park.

Had the applicants included a petrol station at the time they obtained the planning permission it would not have been granted. Now the application has come - for a 24-hour 7 days a week, operation with vehicle wash and other facilities. The visual intrusion, by day, but also by night because of the lighting, would be unacceptable - not only in the view from Highdown Hill but also on Littlehampton Road, where the ASDA store itself is at least set well back from the road and partly below road level. Highdown is within the National Park, where a 'dark skies' policy applies. Views to the south are particularly valuable - over the coastal plain by day and, for astronomers, to the horizon at night.

But Littlehampton Road also just clings to its semi-rural appearance, with farmland immediately to the west of ASDA: the petrol station would be another, perhaps fatal blow to that appearance.

Moreover, for all that is said in the application about the petrol station not adding appreciably to the traffic on this stretch of the A259, we are clear that it will indeed generate an appreciable increase - adding to the continual congestion between Angmering and Ferring.

We are submitting separately a photograph taken from Highdown, looking south to show the current extent of the spoliation of the view. We trust you will take all this into account when assessing the environmental impact of this application. - Ed Miller (Secretary), Ferring Conservation Group.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be

considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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
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