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**Your Ref:** OWPC17661  
**Our Ref:** FG/39/18/PL 06-03-2018  
**Please ask for:**  
Ross Leal

20th March 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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Demolition of existing property & outbuildings; erection of new Motor Dealership with Showroom, Offices & Motor Vehicle Workshop (including MOT) & new Head Office Facility adjoining the existing Peugeot building on site including associated hard & soft landscaping & associated supporting facilities. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Worthing Peugeot Littlehampton Road Ferring

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 19th March 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

*Ferring Conservation Group strongly objects to this application. It is a departure from the Development Plan and there are no countervailing 'material considerations' why it should be dealt with otherwise.*

*On the contrary, there are material considerations as to why it should be refused, quite apart from its departure from the saved portions of the 2003 Local Plan and the very recent Ferring Neighbourhood Plan.*

- 1. It involves the loss of a perfectly serviceable bungalow at a time when Arun is hard-pressed to meet its 'objectively assessed housing needs'. This is in addition to the bungalow lost when the FG/134/13 application for a large extension of the forecourt was approved (this application should be listed in the planning history).*
- 2. It would add substantially to the traffic congestion on Littlehampton Road. Adding a Honda dealership to the Peugeot dealership would bring many more customers to the site, as well as the staff for this and the Head Office.*
- 3. There is no explicit provision for the arrival and unloading of the car-transporters that would bring the display vehicles onto the site. Although planning permission was granted for a 100-vehicle park at Hangleton Nurseries, there is another planning application awaiting determination for a large office block on that site. If the Hondas as well as the Peugeots had to be unloaded at the kerbside on Littlehampton Road, the regular obstruction of one lane of this congested highway would cause even more problems than at present.*

*This would replace yet another bungalow and garden with concrete, cars, advertising flags and lighting. It would vastly increase the mass of the buildings in front of Highdown and destroy the semi-rural character of the south end of Hangleton Lane. It would be gross overdevelopment in an environmentally sensitive area. It should be refused. - 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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