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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/43/22/PL
Site Address: Ferring Country Centre Rife Way Ferring BN12 5JZ
Description of works: Construction of new single storey timber framed building to provide a Fitness Studio for adults with learning disabilities and day centre visitors. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan and is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 6th April 2022 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC46268

This application is a departure from the Development Plan. Such a development (requiring a change of use) for a plot within the Gap between Settlements would normally be opposed by Ferring Parish Council. There are, however, unique extenuating circumstances given the specialised nature of the care being provided to clients with learning difficulties by this local independent charity.

Ferring Parish Council seek clarity on the following matters (a - c), without which the Parish Council will be obliged to request this is registered as a formal objection to the application.

a) The application description is given as - - to provide a Fitness Studio for adults with learning disabilities and day centre visitors.

This raises a discrepancy with the Design and Access Statement under the heading 'USE' which stipulates that the facility will be for 'the Centres day care clients'

Can ADC i) amend the description to conform with the stated use in the DAS

ii) confirm that should this application be granted, that a suitable condition is placed on the Decision Notice to ensure that the facility is confined to the provision of fitness activities for the Centre's day care clients with disabilities and not used for any commercial activity or in any way for general visitors or other non-day care clients.

b) We request that ADC confirm that this application can be considered Sui Generis due to its special, established local charity status and would not provide any basis for precedent for any similar facility which would be outside the built-up area and / or otherwise a Departure from the Development Plan.

c) The application states that hours of operation are not relevant but given that the facility is for its day care clients only, it would not be unreasonable to stipulate operational hours. Please can these be confirmed in the application and made conditional.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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