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Your Ref: OWPC18465
Our Ref: FG/56/18/PL 28-03-2018
Please ask for:
Tim Bloomfield

29th May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Change of use & conversion of existing grain silo (Sui Generis) to office space (B1(a) Business) with associated parking.

Old Grain Silo Former McIntyre Nursery Littlehampton Road Ferring

Thank you for your internet representation made on 28th May 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

Ferring Conservation Group objects to this proposal for yet another commercial operation outside the built-up area. The site is within the area designated 'Countryside' in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and is only a few yards from the open fields leading up to Highdown in the South Downs National Park. The owners and other businesses there have adopted the name 'Highdown Industrial Park' but this is tendentious - there is no industry there and the commercial development there has been brought about by piecemeal applications, or by 'established use' and does not represent any planning intention of the Council.

It is difficult to believe that the old grain silo would be preserved for very long: it is small and shabby and unsuitable for an office building. More likely there would soon be applications to extend it, make a new roof, change its appearance radically, or to demolish it in favour of a new building.

We ask the Council to exercise control over the gradual and unplanned commercial development on the borders of the SDPN. - Ed Miller (Secretary, Ferring Conservation Group)

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

Planning operates an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the website. 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 does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements>.

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

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