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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: FP/12/21/PL
Site Address: Felpham Site 6 Westmorlands Drive Felpham
Description of works: Minor alterations, following FP/239/19/PL, to the emergency access to include replace small section of 1.2m close board fence with 1.2m post & rail fence, addition of guard railings adjacent to northern gate, gate colour to be amended from grey to yellow & addition of 4 No. car parking spaces, to total 32 No. parking spaces, to serve the Community Centre building in lieu of the spaces in the layby.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 12th March 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC34446

This is a confusing application
It is an application in regards to two clearly or as this is the case unclearly TWO totally separate areas lobed together for a reason that is beyond my comprehension.

- 1 a Barrier scheme that may be contentious Woodland way / Westmorland drive
2. additional car parking that I think we need in the community hall carpark as should have been done initially I understand.

The Barrier scheme escalated in huge proportions as one of the site 6 final requirements.
The original agreement was to my understanding (following involvement since the first plans) was that:
No through vehicle traffic incl Motorbikes from Woodland way to Westmorland drive and back.
Only Bus and emergency vehicles now or any time in the future. This is a safe cycle route. It is a safe pedestrian walk through now as it was intended.

It became clear that with only one gate cars parked in the road, motor bikes shot through around the gate, this breached the original intention.
It was also clear that as a cycle route it was dangerous with cars sharing same confined area.

Motor bikes drove over the landscaped area in a dangerous and high speed manner.

So a rising gate and cycle chicane along was erected between Woodland way / Westmorland drive with low wooden fence to protect the landscaped area. This stopped through use of bikes and traffic.

The issue went viral when a second gate and chicane was erected further into the estate to stop cars parking in the area and this maintained a through road and enforced no through traffic and safe cycling. The purpose of the second gate is to prevent parking, as it is a dedicated emergency access, a clear route is required at all times.

However the appearance and rattling noise of the metal was awful. This was supposed to be rectified with rubber grommets placed strategically but still nothing after many many months. But a sledge hammer to crack a nut comes to mind.

So after months of trying to find a resolution that

1. Maintained the integrity of the original plan (as above)

2. The idea was formed to request the removal of the second gate and chicane on Woodland Way and replace with several low metal bollards that would be fitted close enough to dissuade motorbikes and cars, stop parking, maintain a safe cycle and pedestrian route and keep the original concept in a less obtrusive overbearing manner.

This appeared to be a reasonable way forward and partly agreed (reluctantly by the residents) Builder and WSCC, and Parish Council But ARUN wanted to be paid again for a whole new planning application rather than allow this one to be corrected.

I thought WSCC highways would have supplied the bollard and the builder remove and replace and Arun sort the planning fee in these exceptional circumstances. I asked the Arun lead officer to arrange for the three parties to meet and seek an amicable resolution! No report was sent to me despite asking.

This now appears a bigger hotch potch with trying to put in an application of two clearly separate areas.

Why on earth the builder was forced into a new application for community Hall extra car parking which was notified at the time of building to Arun as having less places but appears to have been ignored then and now costing extra??? So confused.

Arun Planning should work with the builder to resolve the two SEPARATE issues and not put the costs all on the builder in my humble opinion.

This is two separate matters in two separate areas, not sure how one application? Was this Arun? I think it needs to be allowed to be revised at no cost. I object in the style it is presented at this time.

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 including your name and address 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. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

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Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your

representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

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

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

Yours sincerely



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