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Your Ref: OWPC11517
Our Ref: FP/245/16/PL 02-11-2016
Please ask for:
Richard Temple

16th December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Retention of mixed use C3 (residential) and Sui Generis/Community open house as a personal permission with existing sheds to front garden - Resubmission of FP/171/16/PL.

Olive Tree Cottage 40 Links Avenue FELPHAM

Thank you for your internet representation made on 15th December 2016 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I support Olive Tree Cottage in their application because I can see the help and support that they bring to their visitors. I have spent time considering the impact on the local environment and feel it is minimal.

Sam has adjusted the opening hours down to meet previous suggestions. She keeps a log book of all visitors, including where they park, which helps to reinforce her rules for using free car parks. And a highways assessment has already found that she has little to no impact on the environment.

You cannot hear the people inside in summer when the fences and gates are shut, a new dorr has been put in to prevent gates being opened. In winter everyone is indoors behind double glazing.

I do not understand how she could be impacting the local environment in a negative way. I know some of the following may not be material planning facts, but they are material to the ethos of the community group;

Whilst a small charge is made for a cup or cake, anyone in need can have anything they need free. whilst benefitting from a friendly ear.

As a team Sam and Robert are experts on types of support available, together with the expertise of the group members many have found support and guidance on getting the help they need.

When donations are made Sam forwards food, clothes etc. to those in need / poverty.

If someone has a particular need she will pass the message on. This is a community pulling together to help those in need, friendship at its best.

Much has been made in other planning meetings about Sam and Robert living normal lives, and how it should not be allowed. It is their home. They are allowed to have friends over in the evening to visit for a meal. Their 4 children are allowed to play in the garden on a Sunday, I strongly feel that this intrusion into their personal lives is unfair in this process. Two of the loudest complainants run their own businesses from home and have visitors; unfortunately it appears that their concerns over parking for their income producing visitors seems to have tainted their ability to step back - I suppose that as they cannot view activities behind gates, or hear them, and have no idea what is happening or even if anyone is there, then they need to imagine other ideas. Unfortunately many are based not on the reality of Olive Tree Cottage, but on irrelevant personal activities.

At the local parish meeting one of the panel said in a particularly nasty way that he will go to her house and photograph her personal car (not a visitor one, and completely legally parked!) every day until she closes. To be threatened and harassed in this way by someone supposed to be impartial, and still stand for your convictions and for the vulnerable and those in need shows integrity above and beyond those of your opponents.

Please approve this planning application. When considering please consider whether complaints are about the services offered and their impacts, or just about normal daily activities everyone is entitled to carry out in their own homes. This is not a business, it is not for profit, any helpers are volunteers and will never be paid. There is a plan in place to limit expansion should it ever happen. The number of visitors is documented and can be viewed any time. This is a husband and wife opening their home to help others. Thank you for your time.

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

Karl Roberts
Director Planning & Economic Regeneration