

Robert Staniforth
40 Links Avenue

PO22 7 B

Your Ref: OWPC11711
Our Ref: FP/245/16/PL 02-11-2016
Please ask for:
Richard Temple

3rd January 2017

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 28th December 2016 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

With reference to the letter from Joanne Brown ref no OWPC11305.

In common with many others she seems to have a complete misconception of the objectives of our open house and the impact it causes beyond our normal occupation as a family. Valid objections should only relate to a material consequence of the open house and not to us living in the house as a family. Taking her points into account.

1. On street parking is valid for everyone to use. Our visitor numbers are effectively controlled by the internal dimensions of our lounge and dining room. We are at that limit now, so the operation cannot grow any further and we would not wish it to do so. In general our visitors come as family groups, many use the free car parks so the additional vehicles in the road when we are open is rarely more than one or two. During the time of our opening this never exceeds to number of resident vehicles when we are closed. The traffic is therefore not an issue that is directly atributable to our open house and so not a material issue for the approval of the application.

2. The local plans are to encourage families and communities not to create little gettos of elderly peaple. We are a family of 6. We have four young boys two of which have special needs, we create noise. Our open house makes no significant impact on the presence in the areas that is our normal family life.

3. There seems to be a confusion between what the open house is for and our normal family activity. We are part of the community and are very active in that community, we have many friends. Holding meetings with our friends, inviting our frends into and to use our home is what we do. These activites are not material to the application as they occured before and would continue after any desicion on our approval request.

4. As per the above point. If we wish to invite our friends to our home that is our right it should not be a consideration to not approve our application which relates to the day time use as an open house.

5. There is little or no additional noise from the proparty when used as the open house from when it is our family home. In fact on average I would say it is generally quieter. Our boys can make a considerable amount of noise when they are playing in the garden on their own. The objection to noise can therefore only be from us as a family and nothing to do with the open house.

6. There are no other business at the premises. My wife, as she spends a good deal of time at home caring for our family, has on occasions refurbished a few bits of furniture. We have also changed some of our own furniture and sold off the unwanted items. This is normal familiy activity not part of the application. The clothes sales are of preowned items

*donated to us by our friends and the proceeds of their sales are used to support others.
7. We have lived in the house for 6 years the fences etc were at their current status many years before we bought the house. So there as not been an open aspect for a long time. Our fences are the same as our many of our neigboughs. The two sheds rise a small amount above the boundary fence. One of them is almost completely hidden by the trees in the garden. Once agian this issue is not material to the operation of the open house.*

Our comunity open house needs to be in the community for it to work. It is just like going to a friends house, which it is, so that those who need our support get it in an environment they can relate to not a specialist facility.

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