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Your Ref: OWPC5697
Our Ref: LU/32/15/PL 03-02-2015
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

15th May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Installation of Dry Cleaning, Key Cutting, Shoe & Watch Repairs Pod to front elevation.
Tesco Stores Ltd Broad Piece Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 14th May 2015 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

In the Planning Application in Section 19 Employment, it is stated that there will be 1 new employee as a result of a successful application. There is therefore a potential to make up to 10 people jobless in the town centre with several businesses being forced to close. Is that a satisfactory outcome? I think not!

In the Design and Access Statement Paragraph 3.2.1, the applicant states that "The current application has not been subject to a public consultation or local community involvement because the scheme proposes one small cabin. The proposal has however, been subject to consultation at board level within Tesco and Timpson." - .. So that's alright then! The actual dry cleaning, it is believed, would take place in Fareham, no new job opportunities would therefore be created for Littlehampton folk.

In my opinion, approving the application for the addition of a Pod, to the existing Tesco Superstore in Littlehampton, would be irresponsible and without doubt, not in the best interests of the town or it's hard pressed small traders. The pod will be used to house a Timpson outlet for services already in existence in Littlehampton and as such is not needed, not wanted and therefore totally unnecessary. Timpson already have 1411 outlets throughout the country, the nearest of which offering these same services, is situated at the Rustington branch of Sainsbury's. Since Dry Cleaning, for example, is NOT carried out on site, at least two visits to the pod will be necessary and a wait of between 3 days and a week for the cleaning to be returned. Hardly an acceptable level of service compared with same day or 1 day service in the town.

In the best interests of Littlehampton and it's traders, I object strongly to this application.

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
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