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Our Ref: LU/91/19/PL 21-03-2019
Please ask for:
Andrew Wood

26th April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Change of use of parts of seafront for temporary food & drink outlets & other seaside uses together with associated temporary/portable structures & equipment for use by businesses associated with those outlets.

Various sites along Littlehampton Promenade Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 25th April 2019 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I strongly object to these plans.

In my view, both as a local resident and Littlehampton business owner (The Dutch Bike Shop), these plans offer nothing of benefit to Littlehampton's residents or visitors.

There is already a high proportion of food outlets in the Littlehampton seafront and nearby areas including Pier Road and Beach road and the town centre.

Operating an all-year round business in Littlehampton is difficult. The closure and liquidation of the Look and Sea!, Arun District Council's flagship regeneration project, should serve as both a warning and evidence of just how difficult it is to make a sustainable profit in Littlehampton.

No doubt in my mind that visitor numbers are falling year-on year, which is squeezing existing businesses takings, forcing many out of business.

The creation of easy-in and out pop-up business units will do nothing for existing businesses who have to endure substantive all-year round trading costs, including mandatory council business rates.

These proposals will not add any value to Littlehampton either for residents or visitors and will in fact remove and much needed coach parking facility.

Coach visitors are hugely important for existing businesses, as regardless of weather, these coaches arrive on a pre-arranged schedule and bring with them much needed visitor spend. Doing away with their parking will potentially see coach operators choosing other destinations with better parking.

What the council need to do is attract more diverse non-competing businesses to fill the growing number of empty units in Littlehampton town centre rather than proposing tacky, pop-up seasonal units, which add no real value to residents and visitors.

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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.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the 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 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

Neil Crowther
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