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To: Planning
Subject: Sea front temporary retail outlets LU/91/19PL

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object most strongly to planning application ref. LU/91/19PL to allow temporary food outlets on the sea front.

My objections are numerous but I will try to be as brief as possible in outlining my objections.

I am a very local resident and go to the sea front on a daily basis so feel justified in passing comment and objections.

1) I have heard that the coach park in banjo road is to be used for "fast food" outlets. This is very wrong. There are coaches arrive from inner cities i.e. London, Luton etc with children and even adults who have never seen the sea. They are able to visit because their organisations e.g. Church, hire a coach that can park and unload directly by the Greensward and beach with their picnics etc. and spend the day in Littlehampton by the sea. These are people who are living often in deprived areas of inner cities and it is a joy to see them so excited and so happy to be on the beach. It would be a shame to deny them this pleasure.

2) With regard to the retail outlets. It's just going to be fast food and junk food selling from vans. The noise, the smell, the pollution, the mess (grease especially) and litter doesn't bear thinking about. These are fast food vans that have no affiliation nor concern for where they set up their vans, their only interest is making a fast buck. Do we really need to encourage people to eat more junk food and to buy alcohol? Kids love picnics and are happy to sit and eat together as a family on the beach or on the green. Why put temptation in their way? If it isn't there they can't ask for it!

3) People love coming to Littlehampton because it reminds them of a bygone age. I often hear people say "Oh it's still lovely, just as I remember it from my childhood." It is unspoilt, it isn't "tacky" and that is because there aren't fast food vans on the front.

4) Another reason I object is that by allowing these "fly by night" vans to operate you are impacting on the income of the existing kiosks who rely on very seasonal trade to make a living. These people are committed and invest in their premises and have high standards because their reputation depends on it. There is a "comeback" for instance if the hygiene regs aren't adhered to, they are accountable. Unlike the burger vans.

In summary, I think that allowing fast food vans on the sea front would be to its detriment. There really isn't any need for them.

I implore you to leave Littlehampton sea front as it is and let locals and visitors enjoy it just as it is - unspoilt!

Yours faithfully
Phyllis Pearmund

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