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Your Ref: OWPC25737
Our Ref: LU/91/19/PL 21-03-2019
Please ask for:
Andrew Wood

13th February 2020

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 12th February 2020 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I have grave concerns about the accuracy of the information supplied by the applicant's consultant, one that Arun District are paying for.

How is it that the Business Development team have not responded with concerns about the jobs that are supplied all year round by the stakeholders on the promenade area and that would undoubtedly take away from the food offerings in Pier Road. Having run a business in Pier Road, I have first hand knowledge of this and spending the whole year in this area, not just the summer months.

The East Beach Cafe and Harbour Park, and Harvester are significant all year round employers, and accept losses in the winter to hope that weather and footfall allow a profit in the Summer months. This application risks not only the jobs and livelihoods of over 100 employees but will also stop these major stakeholders engaging in future investment in their business's.

The pictures supplied in one of the objections clearly shows that when the train is in operation there is not much room for the public to safely pass especially with disabled and elderly who use this flat smooth area regularly having no direct beach access in this or the wider area. Safety has to be paramount and the distances and widths need to be checked before this application is considered further, at the minimum allowing for pinch points.

An important point is that the "offering" detailed in the consultants report is NOT something that looks like quality or is attractive. How can we trust that this delivered. We need to be championing local vineyards/produce.

There is NO evidence that this will increase footfall or bring more visitors to the area, and the danger is that this will reduce the slice of business for existing retailers. It detracts from the Town Centre which is already facing many economically challenging issues.

Taking the space from the Coach Parking has county council concerns, and is a short sighted approach on a permanent basis, it also encourages more cars which will have an environmental impact.

I accept that when events are staged there may be a need for additional food offerings especially out of hours to enhance visitor experience, but this application shows a distinct lack of joined up thinking for the Town and the jewel which is our seafront and uncluttered

accessible promenade.

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

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