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Windmill Road

Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17

Your Ref: OWPC26699

Our Ref: LU/91/19/PL 21-03-2019

Please ask for:
Andrew Wood

5th May 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 4th May 2020 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

SENT VIA PORTAL/EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Mr Wood

Planning application reference: LU/91/19/PL

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. (REVISED & UPDATED SUBMISSIONS)

I wish to raise an OJECTION to the re-submission of plans by Sloanne & Browne.

1. The new plans do not make any allowance for the new legislation relating to food service in the new COVID-19 environment. Major concerns and evidence have been submitted by many objectors as to the safety of pedestrians on the promenade due to these plans. That was in a pre-social distancing era.

The requirement for social distancing has no end date at present and will make these proposals at these sites impossible to manage. This means that the plans do not comply with Arun District Policy EMP DM1, section 6, that plans "would not intensify uses at the site to the detriment of existing public access routes and highways". Para 3.15 of Rodway planning's objection letter dated 25th April 2019 with photographic evidence taken from Bognor promenade. This is an accident waiting to happen if these plans are approved.

2. The updates have not addressed that the plans do not comply with Arun Districts own policies Policy EMP DM1 - Strategic Economic Growth. As outlined in para 3.9 of Rodway planning's objection letter dated 25th April 2019. In addition to this non-compliance with policy, in the post COVID world the addition of these plans will surely only degenerate the existing businesses fighting for survival at these locations, which is out of kilter with the Council's strategic growth policy.

3. Arun District Policy D DM1 requires innovation, there is no evidence of this from the resubmitted plans.

4. Arun's Policy TOU SP1 relates to sustainable tourism and the visitor economy. The policy sets out that "proposals for visitor related development will be determined by Arun's capacity to absorb such growth; for Arun this means tourism growth". Clearly in a post

COVID environment when Arun District Council is on record stating the devastating, long lasting impact on the District's tourism sector these plans now, if they ever did, do not comply with this policy. I refer to para 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of the aforementioned objection for details relating to the clear non-compliance with policy in this move to a "new normal".

It is for the above and previously stated reasons that remain unresolved in the plans that I object to planning application LU/91/19/PL.

Yours Sincerely

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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