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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: LU/93/25/PL
Site Address: Units 5-7 Watersmead Business Park Norway Lane/Worthing Road Littlehampton BN17 6LS
Description of works: Part demolition, conversion, refurbishment and re-elevation of Units 5 and 6 and construction of retail (food and non-food), leisure and food & beverage units (Use Class E), together with associated car parking, access, loading areas, landscaping and associated works. This application is in CIL Zone 2 and is CIL Liable.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 6th June 2025 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC77047

As National Highways point out the suggested vehicle trips are understated. Particular attention should be given to the single lane stretch of the A259 between Wick roundabout and Highdown Drive. The site should be used for manufacturing, light industrial and warehouse usage, no serious attempt has been made to market it as a futuristic business park to provide the high quality jobs needed locally. The unseemly haste in demolition of the iconic Bodyshop office building demonstrates the detrimental approach taken to what is in the best interests of the local area. The proposal will further undermine Littlehampton Town Centre and increase congestion as local attractions become a series of soulless car based retail parks. It maybe that people want these retail parks because of the free parking available, safety and choice provided, whereas Town Centres (with the exception of Rustington) have become poor experiences with anti social behaviour, parking charges and less and less retail choice available. However this site, once a haven of skilled jobs with decent incomes, should be prioritised to boost the local economy by seeking new tenants to provide the same opportunities as Anita Roddick once did.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments including your name and address on the website. The website is updated once a day in the evening so it may take up to 24 hours for it appear on there. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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