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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: P/38/21/PL
Site Address: Little Seftor Farm Pagham Road Pagham
Description of works: Extension to existing agricultural barn. This site may affect the setting of a listed building & is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 26th April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC35425

We firmly object to the proposed application on a number of grounds.

The proposed development will further restrict the views from our house and gardens and take away light which the current barn does to some extent.

We believe the new building will create a tunnel effect increasing the noise of traffic passing our house as the sound created will rebound from the building towards our property. This will be further exacerbated by the increased number of heavy vehicles and large farm vehicles that use Pagham Road and this site.

There is likely to be increased vehicle movement in and out of the site as well as increased noise from within the complex. Some of these vehicle movements start as early as 04:45 some mornings and involve tractors and other large farm machinery. From 0600 we hear fork lift trucks moving around and this includes them activating reversing warning alarms as well as yellow flashing lights. Sometimes movement on the site continues to 11pm or later. During the picking season refrigerated trailer units are left running at night which creates a constant hum, albeit they are linked to an electricity feed. The additional building will amplify this noise problem. We have also had to complain to the owner as on occasions the trailers have been running on their generators and the noise was intolerable. During this period tractors are still coming in after 11pm with flashing lights and trailers.

The current situation is affecting our health and wellbeing as we rarely have an uninterrupted 8 hour period of sleep without any noise from the site. We are woken regularly at 4.45 which is not a reasonable time to start our day. We both have professional jobs which require thought and concentration and our regularly disturbed sleep is having a detrimental effect on our ability to maintain the quality of our work.

Sitting in our garden during the summer months is often interrupted by the noise of farm vehicles, often to the extent that we have to shout to make ourselves heard. Therefore relaxing on our own property and socialising with friends outside is very difficult due to this noise pollution.

The planning officer on the previous application for the current barn to be built and made into a two-storey building said that as we live 35 meters away noise it not a problem. We would invite the planning officer to come to our house, where it would soon be clear that this is not the case.

The entrance to the site is only the width of a single carriageway road away from our house and the vehicle noise and movement can be heard along with staff talking or shouting. This is also where drivers enter and leave the site, so we are regularly hearing vehicles slowing and accelerating.

We have lived in this property for over 24 years, many years before the changes to the site were permitted.

We respectfully request that you consider that we are a dwelling house and that the decisions made in the past have affected the quality of our life. Agreeing this application will create further activity on the site and subsequently more noise and have a greater detrimental effect on the quality of our life. We would request if you were to agree to the application that you put control measures on the site restricting when access could be gained, in order to give us the opportunity to have some quality of life and uninterrupted sleep between the hours of 10pm and 7am and ideally weekend daytimes.

Mark and Shelley Trimmer

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

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Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control 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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