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6th November 2024

Ref: AWDM/1316/24

Dear Sir/Madam

I write with reference to the above application.

I use Brooklands park and I write to object to both aspects of the application.

The application to retail fuel 24 hours a day 7 days a week is a very disturbing idea.

The application to demolish and rebuild the whole site has no plans for the public to see so how on earth can permission be granted for something that no one has any idea what it will be.

No one can see what its design or appearance is, nor its character or the materials it will be made of. There is no information about the new lighting and its potential pollution.

Worthing council is committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and the town by 2050, this application is not upholding this important aim.

The same application was refused at planning in 2003. It was at that time considered to be an unneighbourly form of development with what was considered to be inadequate parking. I fail to see what has altered within the area in order for the huge extension to permitted hours to now be granted.

Brooklands park offers a free experience for all of Worthings residents and is well served by public transport.

This may not be a conservation area, but it is an important area of conservation. It is an area that deserved protection.

By making the filling station a destination, by giving people a place to meet and gather the park, by its very nature will suffer. The general noise this will generate will have an impact upon the residents. The area already has its share of anti-social behavior and the granting of these permissions will only make this situation worse. Litter will increase which the park already struggles to deal with at peak times, which will lead to an increase of vermin.

A 24-hour service station will create a huge increase in noise and disturbance.

Granting this application will obviously create noise, disturbance and a huge increase of traffic and its associated smells. This is a point which I think is a reason for rejecting the application.

I hope that my objection will be taken into account when you are making your decision.

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