

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 01/07/2026 4:42 PM from Mr Geoffrey Turner.

Application Summary

Address: 48 Buckingham Road Shoreham-by-sea West Sussex

Proposal: Application to vary Condition 1 (Approved plans) and 3 (Nursery Management Plan for Outdoor Activities) of approved AWDM/1083/18. Amendment: Update to the Management Plan to allow use of wildlife area by up to 16 children at any time

Case Officer: Peter Barnett

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Geoffrey Turner

Email:

Address: 46 Buckingham Road Shoreham-by-sea West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Other

Comments: Re: Planning Application AWDM/0690/26
46 Buckingham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea
Variation of conditions 1 and 3 of planning permission AWDM/1083/18

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to object to the application AWDM/0690/26 as the occupier of the neighbouring property on the South side of the Nursery.

As an immediate neighbour to this commercial venture in a residential area, my biggest concern is the potential for further noise and disturbance, both of which will inevitably increase with greater outdoor activity in a Wildlife or other external space.

In reviewing the objections and support for this application, I find it incredulous that people who do not live near or adjacent to the nursery have a voice in the application, as the potential increase in outdoor activities will have no material effect on their homes or their mental wellbeing.

The application does not clarify a number of points, which should be clarified:

Hours during which the area is proposed to be used.

Please clarify the hours proposed by this change. Will the use of the area fall within existing or additional outdoor activities?

Frequency and duration of use.

Clarification of 'up to 16 children':

Is this number taken from existing or additional children?

The Boundary:

The existing boundary does not (as suggested in the original application for the nursery) provide an adequate barrier to reduce noise or prevent toys and objects from being thrown into my garden. Additional outdoor use will place further stress on the current inadequate provision.

Noise:

The staff often make as much noise as the children, especially when using walkie-talkies or shouting in the garden.

Noise Assessment should have been conducted during the spring and summer months, when increased outdoor activity is expected, as neighbouring properties will have open windows and wish to enjoy their outdoor spaces in peace.

The lack of communication with neighbours about 'open days' held at weekends.

The lack of a direct, on-site contact for neighbours to raise complaints.

More rigorous policing of outdoor use only between 9 am and 5 pm

Conclusion:

If Nature is so important to children's development at the nursery, why was the original and beautiful rear garden annihilated and replaced with a 150 ft strip of non-eco-friendly plastic astro turf?

Retrospective planning for the cabin at the rear of the garden, additional signage (poster) attached to the front wall of the property, and the use of walkie-talkies, together with the lack of notification to neighbours regarding Parties, often with entertainment or musical accompaniment or weekend open days, does not give me confidence that this additional outdoor activity will be undertaken with due

consideration for neighbouring properties.

There never appears to be any intervention from staff when children are screaming or shouting.

As Bright Horizons has recently received unfavourable coverage in the national press, they should take our requests for stricter noise control more seriously.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.

If the Council is considering approval despite local objections, I request that permission be granted subject to stricter controls, including:

- A requirement for the applicant to provide and maintain effective boundary treatment to prevent overlooking, object throwing and noise breakout.
- A formal review mechanism in the event of ongoing complaints
- An enforceable noise management condition.
- More rigorous policing of the agreed outdoor activity hours (9 am to 5 pm)

Yours faithfully,
Geoffrey Turner
46 Buckingham Road
