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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 23/03/2023 10:05 PM from Mrs Suzy Bastable.

Application Summary

Address:	Land East Of Lancing Business Park Chartwell Road And Opposite Cedar Close Elm Grove Lancing West Sussex
Proposal:	Lower the height of a section of boundary wall to approximately 1.15m
Case Officer:	Hannah Barker

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Customer Details

Name:	Mrs Suzy Bastable
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	Hannah Barker Planning Officer Adur & Worthing Councils Portland House 44 Richmond Road Worthing, BN11 1HS 23rd March 2023 Dear Hannah,

Reference: AWDM/0230/23

I write on behalf of Lancing Business Park BID (LBP) to object to the above application, to lower the height of a 55m section of boundary wall from 2.5m to approximately 1.15m.

Lancing Business Park is home to over 250 businesses and 3000 employees, across circa 1,800,000 sqft feet of employment floor space and provides a major contribution to the Adur economy. There are various 24-hour business operations on the park and constant HGV traffic movements, mixed with families visiting the park to attend the leisure facilities based there.

There are two vehicular access/egress points onto the park via public roads and three pedestrian accesses from Chartwell Road/Marlborough Road into Elm Grove. The rest of the business park is secured via a 2.5m continuous boundary.

The section of boundary wall covered by this application forms an important barrier, protecting the privacy of residents in Elm Grove and also helps prevent noise pollution impacting the residents. With 24hour business operations and HGV movements, this 2.5m boundary is an essential protection for the residents and needs to be fully retained.

LBP has developed a partnership with LBP's business community and Sussex Police, to work together to try to reduce crime and improve the security of the park. Unfortunately, the cost-of-living crisis has seen a recent increase in crime incidents on the park. LBP therefore relies heavily on our 30 CCTV camera network to promptly react to incident reports and provide evidence for the Police. Reacting to every incident reported, helps to promote an environment of action which deter future incidents.

The current 2.5m boundary around the park has enabled LBP to ensure every vehicular and pedestrian access point is covered by CCTV. However, if a 55m meter section of the boundary wall where to be reduced to 1.15m, this would provide ample opportunity for people to access the park undetected. This would therefore prevent LBP from providing the Police with required evidence and is likely to result in increased levels of crime on the park. If crime incidents continue to rise as a result, businesses would in-turn experience increases in the commercial insurances at a time when businesses are already struggling.

A large number of the families and young children who visit the leisure providers on the park, walk via the three safe pedestrian access from Elm Grove. If the boundary wall were to be reduced to 1.15m it could encourage people/children to jump over the wall, rather than using the safe accesses. This could lead to children crossing the road at unsafe points of the public highway, which is heavily used by HGVs.

LBP has utilised the CCTV network to identify fly-tippers visiting the park and has managed to minimise this issue. If this application were approved, the reduced height boundary wall would provide easy access for fly-tippers to just throw large items over into the park.

LBP reported that a small section of this boundary wall was leaning to prevent any danger to pedestrians or vehicles. LBP requested that this wall be made safe and fully reinstated. LBP therefore objects to this application for the following reasons:

- Loss of privacy for local residents
- Increased noise from 24hour traffic movements on the park
- Increased noise from 24hour factory operations on the park
- Increased health & safety risk for residents and children visiting the park
- Increased security risk for businesses on the park
- Increased fly-tipping on the park
- Increased commercial insurance costs for businesses based on the park.

Lancing Business Park BID therefore requested the application please be refused to protect local residents and maintain the safe boundary around Lancing Business Park.

Yours sincerely

Suzy Bastable,
BID Manager for Lancing Business Park

Kind regards