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Subject: Hemiko application (AWDM/0718/26)

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Cc: Carl Walker, Hilary Schan, Claire Hunt

Good Afternoon i would like to make objection in regards to the above planning application for Hemiko.

My name is Paul O'Brien i own a small business in the town and also represent the small traders group for the town centre. I have been one of the businesses who have sat in hemiko meetings since the beginning of the project and also sit on the weekly advisory call with hemiko and councilors..

My concerns around this phase are two fold. Sadly in our meetings with hemiko we are not always told the truth and there are large variations between the information we receive and then what happens when the works physically start.

For the first phase of these seafront works (at east beach) we were told that park run, a group who bring several hundred runners into Worthing on a weekly basis , would be able to continue there weekly activities. However when hemiko started phase one of the seafront works the park runs have had to stop due to the blockages around East beach. Hemiko have refused to change the methodology to allow park run to continue despite repeated requests from ourselves and surrounding businesses. This has meant businesses have lost much needed custom.

We can already see the major confusion around the signage at East beach and the impact it is having on the lovely traders down there.

Secondly we are deeply concerned of any change of methodology from mole style drilling to open trench drilling. If this planning application is given the green light without conditions then hemiko can potentially open trench the full prom if they want to from the Steyne to the Pavillion. This method will also be way cheaper for them which concerns us deeply and would have a major impact on our number one usp to visitors to the town ... a thriving and open seafront .

There should be conditions in place that ensure hemiko Mole drill as much of the route as possible and if they need to open trench then this must be done with further conditions in place to ensure that the works are not disruptive to local businesses and all events / activities like part run are catered for. Conditions around timings and dates should also be in place for any open trench drilling .

We had major disruption from hemiko last summer and simply cannot afford to lose more businesses to these works again.

Planning officers must ensure that this next phase goes ahead with strict restrictions in place to ensure hemiko are not disrupting our liveness.

Kind Regards Paul O'Brien

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