23 Kings Walk
Shoreham by Sea
West Sussex
BN43 5LG

3 March 2017



Planning Services
Adur District Council
Portland House
Richmond Road
Worthing BN11 1LF

Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Application No. AWDM/1635/16
Miss A Davies - Clubhouse rear of 21 Kings Walk Shoreham by Sea

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter we have today sent to the Council's Environmental Health Department relating to this property and, as it is relevant to the above application, we would appreciate you ensuring that the members of the planning committee see a copy before the hearing of this application on 13 March next.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

Giles and Sarah Weston

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M. Lavender
Senior Environmental Health Officer
Adur District Council
Worthing Town Hall
Chapel Road
Worthing BN11 1HA

Dear Sir

Shoreham Angling Club hut at rear of 21 Kings Walk, Shoreham by Sea

We wish to register a formal complaint about the smoke and smells from the wood burner installed at the above premises by the occupier, Anna Davies, who is squatting in the premises.

We have not written before as we were aware that a neighbour had already been in contact with you to complain and that Councillors Loader and Alden had also submitted complaints about the smoke and smell. We gather you have dismissed the neighbour's complaint because it was not substantiated though it is difficult to conceive how one can substantiate a smell!

We are aware that, after making an appointment, you visited the property. As she was expecting you, it is hardly surprising that you only witnessed her burning smokeless fuel which we were told she bought especially for your visit.

You are aware of the current planning application that has been submitted (AWDM/1635/16). Since that was received by the Planning Dept in late October 2016, and especially since your visit, the occupier's use of smokeless and smell-free fuel has increased considerably but she has certainly used unacceptable fuels since then as well, though it seems only when she was confident that no one was coming to check up on her. Nonetheless, we have recorded a number of days when the smoke and smell have been bad. We do, of course, accept that any wood burner will smoke for a short time after being lit but the incidents we list below went on for a considerable and totally unacceptable time.

Whilst there have undoubtedly been others, these are the incidents we have noted since October 2016:

Tuesday 1st November 2016	- bad smell in the evening around 21:00
Tuesday 15th November 2016	- smoke - see photo attached timed at 10:43
Saturday 19th November 2016	- smoke and smell – see photo attached timed at ll:33
Wednesday 23rd November 2016	- really bad smell
Friday 6th January 2017	- smoke – see photo attached at 11:12
Wednesday 11th January 2017	- smoke – see photo attached at 14:56
Thursday 12th January 2017	- bad smell early evening around 19:00
Tuesday 24th January 2017	- smell from fire early around 09:30
Thursday 23rd February 2017	- smell from fire around 17:00 (windy day so smoke was blown away)

We are aware that wood burners are common for heating many houses on Shoreham Beach, including a number close by to us. None of them emit the kind of smell or volume of smoke that the hut chimney does – especially at such a low level (almost ground floor level) which simply exacerbates this problem. The fire is mostly burning for long periods of time, from early morning, sometimes well into the evening.

We believe this matter should be taken seriously as there is a health and safety issue at stake. As you will see from letters sent to your Planning Dept, parents in nearby properties are concerned about the impact of these fumes on their small children; we are aware of how it has affected health issues of some of the nearest neighbours, with one person having asthma attacks when the smoke and fumes are particularly noxious; people need to open windows and doors to air their properties and the smoke/fumes even affect washing hung in the gardens to dry. Anna Davies not only had a hole cut in an asbestos roof to install the chimney without any health/safety notification to the relevant authorities or neighbouring houses in what is a residential area, but she is running an industry that should be located in a commercial/industrial zone.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Council's Planning Department.

We trust that you will give this matter very serious consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Giles and Sarah Weston

Encs: 4 photographs

Tuesday 15 November 2016 10.43



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