

Customer Details

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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Comments on Planning Application Amendment to Consent AWDM / 0701/24 New Clubhouse Worthing United Youth Football Club, Hill Barn Lane, Worthing We wish to make comment in regard to the amendment application to enlarge the clubhouse at Worthing United Youth Football Club. We are affected as the front of our house overlooks the proposed development and as such are one of the closest houses. We appreciate "not in our backyard" but make the following comments in an attempt to be reasonable. The existing structure consisting of second hand steel containers, is both ugly and demeans the area in which they are sited. Inspection of the existing containers shows that they are of different sizes, different height, different colours and many unsightly rust stains, already with graffiti occurring regularly. We do appreciate that the proposal requires a tiled fascade and levelling flat roof. We are worried that this in the fullness of time, might not happen. We therefore would like the planning officer to consider a condition that "the building shall not be occupied until such time as the tile roof fascade and top flat roof has been completed". We note that an attempt has been made with the existing containers to paint one side white.

It is extremely ugly, and a complete eyesore in a lovely park.

This attempt of painting looks dreadful and we suspect has been carried out using a water based paint, totally unsuitable for a steel container likely to rust. The application includes for the building to be painted white. From a distance the existing containers look like a "blot on the landscape". We therefore would like the planning officer to consider a condition that "the building shall not be occupied until such time as the building is painted with a good quality paint on all sides, in a colour throughout all building containers etc. This must be agreed with the planning officer. The paint selected is not to be water based but is to be a high quality paint with a minimum of a five year colour guarantee". Please note that we feel a green colour would be suitable, both to match other structure in the park and also in an attempt to make the containers less obvious. We note that the existing containers are at differing angles and have tapered gaps between, and do not look neat and pristine level as shown on the drawings at all.

We therefore would like the planning officer to consider a condition that "each container shall be so sited as to be level and vertical with its neighbour and shall be vertically bolted so that no unsightly gap between containers shows. The containers are to be sited so that they show a uniform wall.

Parking and Road Traffic is of major importance in Hill Barn lane. Not only is Hill Barn lane regularly blocked so traffic from homes locally cannot get through, but it is totally and utterly full of damaging potholes which are never properly repaired, maintained or managed.

This brings up yet another issue. Hill Barn Lane is considered by the WSCC / Adur-Worthing Council as an unadopted/private road. As so, why does a council car park and the golf club use it as access point, now also the new Sports Pavillion.

We note that no additional parking has been allowed for and use of the public carpark is considered satisfactory. This is unsatisfactory.

Many local people in and around the length of Hill Barn lane, cannot access the main road by Grove lodge on all sporting days, be it football, cricket, college events, local rotary events, fundraising etc.

This result is a rat run going up to First Avenue, plus large traffic queues.

There is no room for any emergency services on those days either.

Weekends particularly, there is parking both sides of Hill Barn lane, including on yellow lines.

Children and adults alike are not always visible when someone does get a chance to drive through, generally at too high a speed.

May we suggest that a condition is added "the application shall also be refused unless car parking in the entire area is resolved".

A possible solution may be considered if the applicant were to approach and make arrangements with Worthing College to be allowed to use the college carpark during specified hours. This however would be a matter between the college and the applicant.

There should be visible 'policing' of Hill Barn lane, to see the traffic, the horrendous parking etc.

Because of paragraph 4 above we ask the Planning Committee to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

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