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To: planning.development@havant.gov.uk



Dear Sirs

With reference to the proposed change of use to Boxing Club for up to 30 users in a residential area, I object strongly to this proposal.

In addition to the fact that works were already carried out before a Planning Application was submitted, and the fact that there are blatant false statements on the planning application form itself, I also object to the following:-

Public notice. - The applicant's Agent, apart from supplying false information on the planning application, affixed the Site Notice to the boundary fence of an adjoining property, and not the site in question.

Location - A boxing gym open 7 days a week (0800-2200 mon to fri and 0900-1700 Saturdays and Sundays) in a landlocked site alongside flats with elderly resident is not appropriate.

Parking - The proposed development makes absolutely no provision for parking, waiting, dropping off or deliveries in a narrow lane (Seagull Lane) which has parking restrictions on both sides along its entire length. Seagull Lane provides vehicle access to around 30 private garages, drives, private

parking spaces and hardstanding with dropped kerbs.

Therefore ANY vehicle stopping in Seagull Lane would a) be parked illegally and b) would be obstructing a garage entrance or private parking space/hardstanding.

Please see Hampshire County Council Highways letter to Havant BC (1/9/20)

Noise nuisance - The proposed opening times and opening windows on the north elevation would result in noise pollution causing nuisance to neighbours in particular the adjacent Seagull Court flats who have a garden abutting the site.

Visual impact - the previous flat roof building has already been demolished by the applicant and work started prior to seeking planning permission. I believe those works were not inspected by HBC Buildings Control inspectors.

The proposed new building will have a new pitched roof significantly higher than the old building and impacting neighbours to the north of the site.

Demand - There are already a number of established Boxing Clubs offering boxing and gym facilities to youngsters on a group or individual basis in appropriate locations.

The nearest alternative boxing facility is Warriors Boxing Club in Downey Road, Havant PO9 2NJ is only 2.8 miles from the Seagull Lane site (8 minutes by car and easy cycling distance for youngsters)

There are other boxing clubs in Portsmouth and Chichester. There have been a large number of public objections posted on the HBC planning website but as at 17th September there appear to be no letters of support.

In summary - Providing recreational facilities for youngsters is to be applauded but the Seagull Lane site is totally unsuitable due to a lack of any parking facilities, and the impact on neighbours which will be caused by noise, illegal parking, visual impact, litter and gatherings especially when the gym closes at 10pm

I OBJECT STRONGLY TO THIS CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION

Please include this objection on the HBC Planning Website

Thank you

Derek Wood