

Comments for Planning Application APP/19/01082

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/01082

Address: Driftwood, 44 High Street, Emsworth, PO10 7AW

Proposal: Erection of CCTV and wood pellet burner flue to the rear seating area 'pod' (Retrospective).

Case Officer: Tina Pickup

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Objection to installation of fume emitting wood burner and excessive use of intrusive CCTV cameras at the rear of driftwood cafe on the driftwood cafe sheds.

The smell from the chemical wood pellet burner installed in the shed abutting our small courtyard garden, and within feet of our home is noxious and intrusive into our day to day lives.

It is lit regularly between 8.25 and 9am on cold, and not so cold days, (even in July) and continues until around 4pm. It is stoked intermittently depending upon the temperature. More stokes = colder temperatures. Each stoke leaves lingering smells and at times blue smoke. Our house acts as a stop and the fumes take up to 10 minutes to dissipate.

The fumes are of a chemical nature and not natural wood smells. The blue smoke emitted is carbon monoxide.

It is an inappropriate form of heating for such a small shed and being so close to some of its neighbours' houses. Other heating without emissions could replace it.

The flu height is much too low, so close to houses and homes. Any flu would not meet adequate requirements as it would need to be a lot higher and that would be wrong for a conservation area. The smoke and fumes are emitted too low down.

The height is required as the shed is surrounded by Georgian properties, all 2/3/4 stories high. The area is small, so fumes circulate within them.

The correct flu height to comply with HETAS 'clean air' regulations can never be met by the driftwood cafe for their 10 foot high shed. The top of the flu is 2 feet above the top of the larger shed.

This is much too low for safe emissions and prevention of fumes. Any higher would be in contravention of conservation regulations.

Our house is affected at times when we want to enjoy food and rest, the fumes linger in our bedroom and in our downstairs.

Our outside space has been fully compromised with fumes and smoke since July again this year. We like to enjoy our garden, being and sitting outside well into October and often later too. Breakfast is a favourite time, as is lunchtime.

As a keen gardener, the flu and its fumes and the intrusive CCTV and emissions prevent that from happening. The sheds are too close to our garden.

One of our household has been suffering bad eyes and sore throats as a result of the smoke and fumes, we believe. It worsens when the burner is stoked. Anti-biotic eye drops help but the throat clogs when the fumes linger. We believe the flu emissions are a health hazard to our household.

Oso warm, Southbourne supplied the burner, but did not fit it, they told us such. They have subsequently installed the low flu.

Therefore, a flu driven heating appliance, especially one that generates carbon monoxide, will never work on that building as the flu cannot be placed high enough or far enough away from surrounding homes and buildings.

The wood pellet burner has been installed without planning permission. How many times can the Driftwood owners claim not to know they need planning permission? As responsible business operators, they cannot keep saying they don't know. It is no mitigation at all and unbelievable too.

The same applies to the CCTV installation without planning.

For the last year, we have had CCTV trained into our garden and home. 3 cameras have been installed within 1-2 feet of our home and garden. The staff have seen things that have invaded our privacy badly. We have heard them laughing at footage.

Recently, some bamboo sticks have been put up to give themselves privacy. It has by default helped us visually, but we still have the sound problems. They are worse in the summer.

The camera placed in the eaves of the small shed is very invasive of our privacy as it points into

our garden and bathroom too! We would like it to be removed please.

We understand the need for CCTV, but we do not want any pointing towards our house or boundary please.

3 cameras in such a small place is unwarranted. The owner's electrical fitters and suppliers of the CCTV cameras, LE Electrical South Ltd have said the Driftwood need/requested so many to provide safety for staff training in the area and lone worker safety.

Planning permission was granted for a small office shed. It is very small and would not facilitate training. The outside space is supposed to be for parking, not staff use, so no need for such intense CCTV activity. One pointing at both sheds would suffice.

The sheds are so close to houses and are lit up fully, so that individual safety of staff would be covered by one CCTV camera.

Most sensibly, use the cafe itself to train staff in, it's a large open building and can be used for after operating hours safely, with the correct permissions having been obtained and wouldn't interfere with its neighbours.

Both rear sheds are for use between 9am and 5pm, that was the allowed planning consent. The cafe may well have after hours use allowed, so working alone, if required, can take place there?