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NORTHNEY FARM

I strongly Object to this application for the following reasons

Northney farm cafe

From the very start, this now oversized development has been built upon a pack of lies.

Asking for grants to rebuild old barn for use as a education centre/museum and small quiet tearoom never happened.

The space has been used to host private loud parties and weddings, constantly exceeding the allowed numbers of customers.

complaints about the sometimes deafening noise, omitting from illicit parties/discos and the sheer volume of 80+ people, Many seated outside during the summer months. The planning control/enforcement team have done nothing over the last 10 years. to control this.

Not until May 2022, when took over from

Ms served notice to cafe owners, pointing out no fewer than seven breaches of planning rules. Ms made some progress, until she moved on to council.

Ms, senior planning officer then carried on, from her colleague, It was suggested some breaches should be redirected automatically to environmental health dept ! (This never happened)

The big problems really started when in 2017 another planning application for a single story rear extension to tearoom. Increase in number of seating inside from 48 to 80, Thus reducing the seating outside-which owners said would result in noise reduction and protect the amenities of nearby residential properties (policy DM10)

After this was granted and built, the owners did NOT remove any outdoor seating, in fact owners put out more. 80 -120 outside. The noise during the summer months became intolerable. invading our quite home/garden and work space. More letters to planning enforcement/control. Resulting in NO action. Around June 2023 60% of the outdoor seating was removed, Allowing us to finally enjoy our gardens and homes.

We see that once again they are now asking to seat up to 100 outside or in depending on weather. That is not respecting the quiet location.

The owners have been very blatant in advertising the education/museum part of the barn as a wedding/party venue, on their website. In fact they were successful on many occasions hosting events with loud music, where guests are outside shouting, laughing, drinking late into the night with No control from owners or management.

Respecting the natural tranquility of our homes and gardens has never been part of their money making agenda. It's a big very successful business

They have acted outside of permitted planning permission constantly. Creating a stressful home environment for

ourselves and neighbours.

Why are our homes and lifestyles no longer being considered. 100 yappy customers will not go unnoticed in this would be tranquil rural area.

As for extra parking spaces, not needed. Owners could mark out clear parking bays then the customers would not be parking like idiots with 5ft between cars.

It would be in the interest of this small rural village to stop any further development for the next 5 years until owners start to conform and show compliances with the planning department/control/enforcement teams. This summer did see a reduction finally in outdoor seating, 4 events were held during Aug/Sept with amplified sound, noise levels were greatly reduced. For this we must thank [REDACTED].

We would appreciate it, if the council could now step-up and carry on controlling please.

We are still the same neighbours that were promised by owners and council to keep this a quiet tranquil venue.

It was also good to see that the awful scuffy tent. was not put back after meeting its fate with rather large rotten tree.

This space between the cafe and car park was always marked to be left open, keeping harbour and nesting views views.

Another very valid point is how they view their customers, 80 people or 80 covers! Covers could be 80 seated at tables, with many more people standing. This would allow for larger numbers on site. This needs to be clarified before granting permission.