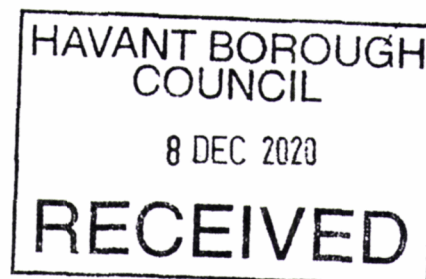


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Dear Miss Donophy



Re Planning Application APP/20/00692 2a Seagull Lane, Emsworth

I objected to the original planning application (see my letter on the HBC planning website 2/9/2020 re false information on the first planning application form and further objection letters added to the HBC planning website on 15/9/2020 and 22/9/2020)

The applicant also commenced unauthorised works on the proposed boxing gym even before the first planning application had even been submitted.

The revised Plan submitted by the applicant now shows ONE parking space and 5 bicycle spaces on the land to the south of the application site. The drawing claims that there is already established vehicular access along the land to the south of Seagull Court flats in order to reach the proposed car and bike spaces.

There seems to be confusion over any access along the land to the south of Seagull Court and one landowner is adamant that no permission has ever been granted for vehicular access along the south side of Seagull Court to access the application site. The council should obtain written evidence from the applicant that he can prove that he has access to his new car parking space. Without such evidence the freshly claimed car space and bicycle spaces are in fact irrelevant.

I also refer to the letter to Havant BC from Hampshire County Council's Economy, Transport and Environment Dept (added to the HBC planning website 1/9/2020) which raised concerns over how the parking requirement for this application could be met, calling for further clarification.

I note that the applicant has provided a Parking Survey with photographs of surrounding residential streets Monday to Friday at various times of day indicating the number of available parking spaces. I have also walked round the surrounding streets and observed spaces or, more often, lack of spaces.

A photo can only portray a moment in time. The proposed boxing gym would be open from 8am to 10pm and NONE of the photos have been taken after 5.30pm or at weekends when most residents are at home and on-street parking spaces are already at a premium.

The Parking Survey also shows availability of spaces in the Pay and Display Palmers Road car park. However, human nature is that most users would prefer not to pay to park and the other car park suggested by the applicant is the Bridge Street 24 hour free car park. I have visited the Bridge Street car park which has 51 spaces and at the time of my visit 46 spaces were already occupied, leaving just 5 spaces available (90% occupancy).

My conclusion is that in addition to the other nuisance and visual impact issues already raised by myself and numerous other objectors, this proposed change of use and new building is wholly inappropriate for this location. The lack of any parking provision for up to 30 boxing gym users, already a concern to Hampshire County Council Economy, Transport and Environment Department, appears to be totally inadequate and is of major concern to nearby residents.

The proposed change of use and new building should be refused.

