

Comments for Planning Application APP/18/00855

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/18/00855

Address: 1 Meridian Centre, Havant, PO9 1UW

Proposal: Change of use from Use Classes Part A1/Part D1, to D2 (First Floor).

Case Officer: Rachael McMurray

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Elaine Wood

Address: 19 Eastern Road Havant

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As the Chairman of Churches Together in the PO9 area I was shocked and saddened to be told in an email from the Beacon Church that it was proposed that the use of their premises would be changed to a Gym. Has someone taken leave of their senses? I belonged to Energie Gym, in North Street, for a number of years and this eventually had to close. This was not because of lack of enthusiasm from a very dedicated staff or members but it was found that they just weren't able to "make ends meet" I am also told by reliable friends that the Horizon Gym is sometimes almost empty so why are we in need of yet another gym? I am certain that this will not increase the footfall in the Meridian Centre.

I am not a member of the Beacon Church but I have been witness to their work over the 22 years they have been in the Meridian Centre. I have always admired their dedication and hard work, not only in their worship and praise by their congregation but also as a Beacon of hope to the local community and the wider world. This world needs more of this loving, charitable witness, not less.

I do not know if it is planned to offer the Beacon alternative accommodation but please consider the amount of money and effort they have invested to make their church what it is today, a credit to the community.

The Beacon Food Bank, which is supported by other churches who are members of churches together also is a vital aid to the less fortunate members of our community. At present I cannot see this facility being easily transferred to one of the other churches.

I hope and pray that this matter will be considered very carefully before any decision is taken.

Many thanks for reading this objection.