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Re:21/00437/LAPR1

Dear Members of the Licensing Team,

I have been informed by a concerned neighbour, about the plans that Cove Communities have for the Leisure complex at West Sands, Selsey. Apparently, they have already gone ahead with extensive building works to the south side of the big entertainment complex, this before actually getting planning permission, but the intentions relating to the application for extension to their licences are what give me gravest concern. I understand that they are seeking to extend these till 3 am every night, for bars, boxing, film and live music, many of these activities possibly outdoors.

The residents of the western side of Selsey in particular, already suffer noise pollution from the funfair on the site, where the organisers seem to labour under the misapprehension that the visitors, and some local residents, cannot find the funfair or enjoy the rides without persistent, very high volume PA announcements, invitations and commentary.

West Sands and adjacent leisure parks have long been popular with holidaymakers coming to Selsey because of its rural tranquillity and clean air. Many of these visitors are enjoying time with their extended families, and seek activities appropriate to children and older adults. The activities for which the licence extensions are being sought appear to be seeking to attract young adults, and take no account of local residents or visitors to the sites who may prefer to be able to sleep at these antisocial hours.

Selsey is located at the very tip of the Manhood Peninsula, and is accessed by one road only, the B2145, a winding and single-lane road that becomes impassable in the event of a traffic accident. It is possible that the plans for late-night revelry, if this is to include non-residents of the parks, will impact on the numbers using the road late at night, and thus increase nuisance for residents whose homes are situated beside the roads to the A27 or the Witterings. With a 3 am licence, are these motorists all going to be abstemious throughout their entertainment? Many people approach the West Sands site via Mill Lane, which terminates at the Windmill. It is a very narrow road, with a deep ditch on one side, and it is often difficult for two vehicles to pass, especially when buses and lorries are using the route. Mill Lane is not a road to negotiate under the influence of 'substances' after late night/early morning entertainments.

Permanent residents of Selsey enjoy the peace and calm of this town, (and grit their teeth when the funfair disturbs the pleasures of relaxing in their carefully cultivated gardens on Summer afternoons), and baulk at the prospect of finding themselves unwittingly transformed into neighbours of the 'Las Vegas on the Solent' that Cove Communities seem inappropriately intent upon creating.

I implore you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

Kathleen Hind