

Planning North

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Subject: consult response Planning application no LW/16/0695

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To: Andrew Hill
Subject: Planning application no LW/16/0695

Andrew Hill, Planning Services, Lewes District Council,
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Dear Mr Hill,

I write to identify the points which I have made in respect of the planning application numbered above, put in opposition to the application (LW/16/0695). I have registered these on the web site, but read that they may have been truncated and wanted to ensure that the full comments do reach you/are added to this application.

I stated as follows:

"I have been a regular visitor to Chiltington Lane for many years, visiting friends who live very close to the proposed site. I am familiar with both the access and, more generally, the rural and remote nature of the immediate vicinity. I was brought up in West Sussex and am very aware of the importance of maintaining the unspoiled nature of the countryside, though appreciating the need for businesses to develop alongside that.

Based on my personal knowledge, I would oppose the application to construct the fish farm on the site for 3 reasons:

Access down Chiltington Lane is very restricted. The farm would require support and supplies as well as the transport of the "crop" from it. The lane is single tack in many parts or at least so narrow as not to allow a car and a lorry to pass each other. It has some sharp bends in it. It also prone to severe flooding in areas during heavy rains in the winter. The additional traffic which firstly the site construction and secondly the running and maintenance of the site would occasion would be a very serious detriment to those living in Chiltington Lane, make access to their homes more hazardous, and cause wear and tear of a very heavy kind to a country lane which is simply not designed to accommodate that type of traffic.

The farm will require lighting through 24 hours a day in order to maintain any security there. This will add light pollution to an area, in the lea of the South Downs, which has to date suffered from remarkably little such pollution to date. Clearly this will also have an impact on local residents in the area - and not one which anyone living in a quiet rural spot would welcome or expect.

Large volumes of water would be contained in the ponds if these were to be constructed. The site is not flat. Therefore banks will have to be built to try to ensure that the containment is safe. However this increases the risk of flooding, in the event there are any problems at any point with the construction or afterward, which would pose a real risk to those properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site."

I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge receipt of this e mail and confirm that my objections have been noted on the planning file.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Simpson