

Grounds for objection – statements March 2022

M/16/22/PL

Regarding planning application M/16/22/PL

Councillor Glen Hewlett proposed that Felpham Parish Council strongly object to this planning application on a number of significant planning grounds and in consideration of the feeling of the committee members.

This was seconded by Councillor Graham Matthews and unanimously voted for by committee members.

1. **OSR DM1 loss of open space / recreation land** in Bognor Regis – the current proposed site for the new course is on farming land which is readily accessible by members of the public. FPC **Object** as a new **private** course will limit access to permissible paths (which can be removed) and are to be altered from their traditional routes;
2. **OSR DM1 loss of open space / recreation land** - The proposed new golf course is on current farming land with many trees and hedgerows. This also provides habitats for numerous species wildlife. FPC **Object** as a golf course is a manicured grassland and does not have the same features as farmland and will thus be a loss in habitat to existing wildlife;
3. **PROW** – concerns with regards to the treatment and diversion of these. The existing land has many PROWs and permissive ways through and around it. The illustrative drawings of the new golf course shows no access for the public and thus access to a public amenity will be lost and the land will become private access only - FPC **object** as residents will lose a currently public amenity
4. **SO DM1** - plan to relocate to Ancton on Grade 2 agricultural land. FPC **object** as the move to Ancton will remove valuable farming land and convert it to a non productive private resource;
5. **Traffic and Access** - Traffic Impact - Access to new golf course off A259. The A259 from the Felpham relief road roundabout east end to the Wick roundabout (by Morrisons) has been subject to a consultation by WSCC and a series of works determined to alleviate the overloaded roundabouts and road at peak times along that route. FPC **object** as this work did **NOT** include the impact of and traffic generation from this development. (Confirmed by WSCC). (Contributions of £1.2m from Ford Residential development);
6. **Traffic and Access** - Junction to new Golf Club location is via, it appears, a simple T junction off the A259. This is an unrestricted single carriageway road (60 mph speed limit) between potentially two Roundabouts at Oystercatcher and Comet Corner (themselves notorious junctions). The golf club predicts circa 40,000 rounds of golf per annum (generating 80,000 car movements?) and the only access is through the proposed junction. FPC **object** as this junction will present an unacceptable risk as vehicles turn right (coming from Felpham) or turning right leaving (to go to Littlehampton) and re-establish risks on a road which has suffered fatalities (in the past) and serious accidents (regularly).
7. **Traffic and Access** - FPC **object** as there is no alternative access and egress to the golf course in the event of the A259 being blocked.