

Good morning Fiona,

I am puzzled by the point being raised regarding the number of delegates proposed for this application and thought it best to contact you with my concern.

The original planning application, which was subsequently granted conditional approval, requested a maximum of 20 delegates plus staff residing at the premises.

The applicant's appeal against the conditions also contained proposed changes to the original application.

One of these changes was that the applicant himself reduced the number of delegates from the original 20 down to 14. This was not a condition imposed by planning officers.

During the online hearing one of the councillors asked for clarification that the applicant was content with the "condition" that delegate numbers were to be reduced to 14. The reduction was not part of the conditional approval. It was a change made voluntarily by the applicant.

The applicant's agent's response below fails to clarify that the reduction to 14 delegates is NOT a "condition" imposed by planning officers and that it is a decision taken by the applicant.

My concern is that those councillors making a final judgement on this appeal against the conditions of the original approval will form the opinion that the applicant has made a concession and has agreed to a reduction of delegate numbers imposed by planning officers.

Forming that opinion could wrongly influence the councillors when making their final judgment on this appeal.

I believe that this matter requires to be corrected and that the councillors need to be informed.

While I, as an adjacent neighbour, objected to the original planning application I remain in support of all the conditions imposed by planning officers.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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