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The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/Z3825/W/24/3351359

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/Z3825/W/24/3351359
Appeal By	DEAN WESTON
Site Address	Unit 3 Capons Hill Farm Station Road Cowfold West Sussex RH13 8DE Grid Ref Easting: 520730 Grid Ref Northing: 122962

SENDER DETAILS

Name	[redacted]
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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☑ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☑ Interested Party/Person Correspondence

☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

This appeal should be refused again as the gym has been operating in contravention of the planning stipulations since day one. Classes regularly exceeding the approved number of members and hence the number of cars going up and down the unmade up road to the premises. There is insufficient parking since spaces apparently designated for parking are actually used by all the businesses there. No one can access the gym by public transport as there is no pavement along the busy A272 from Cowfold or public footpath across fields, cycling on the A272 is not safe either. Thus everyone must come by car. Martial arts classes are run and have always been run in Cowfold village Hall and Cowfold Allmond centre both accessible by public transport and walking. Should people from local towns around be encouraged to drive rather than use a facility perhaps closer to their home? Access is only from a notoriously dangerous section of the A272 and the queues of cars now joining from an unmade up road onto a major road with a 50mph speed limit often exceeds those on the two crossroad junctions between Cowfold and Bucks Barn

Apparently the increase in numbers was originally refused on grounds of water neutrality, taking out showers and using bottled water may help on one side but what about the waste water, raw sewage generated by so many extra people using the single septic tank/cesspit which caters for all business users up there and regularly overflows onto the neighbouring property through lack of proper maintenance/emptying. (Cowfold mains drainage also overflows in wet weather even without the extra houses now approved).