

Cllr Les Hamilton

BH2018/02440 - Foredown Woods, Foredown Allotments

I am writing in support of this application. The organiser is one of my constituents and children resident in my ward are among the children attending the Bee in the Woods Kindergarten. I visited the site this morning.

There was very little noise, in fact the noise from the A27 was louder. The children were occupied and enjoying the outdoor experience. There were only five children present and three adults. At present the kindergarten only operates three days a week but will operate more days as the number of children attending increases. Although the application gives the start time as 8.30 the kindergarten officially starts at 9.30. It will only operate one Saturday in the month between 1p.m. and 3p.m. and not on Sundays or Bank Holidays There is no food kept or stored on the premises. Children bring their own drinks and packed lunches and any uneaten food is taken home. The site has been subject to fly tipping which the kindergarten staff have had cleared. The pond referred to is not within the site used by the children.

I consider this to be an excellent extension of the opportunities for young children. Greater interest in nature and outdoor activity are to be encouraged. This facility has received encouragement and support from the council ranger service which is much appreciated.

I ask the planning committee to support this interesting and progressive activity.

