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West Sussex

Your Ref: OWPC18302
Our Ref: AB/36/18/PL 30-03-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

21st May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Demolition of existing buildings & erection of a block of 46No. sheltered apartments for the elderly (comprising 22 x one bedroom apartments & 24 x two bedroom apartments age restricted to 60 years and over), with associated access electric buggy/cycle stores & refuse bin store & 32No. parking spaces. Resubmission of AB/77/17/PL. This application affects the character and appearance of Arundel Conservation Area
Blastreat Limited & adj Greenhurst Fitzalan Road Arundel

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th May 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

- 1) I am staggered that there is consideration to build yet more elderly-resident homes in Arundel when younger families cannot find an affordable home. And there is already a surfeit of unused elderly accommodation in the town.*
- 2) There is such limited parking already in Arundel, and in this part of the town in particular, that the 32 parking spaces will quickly become oversubscribed. The number of apartments implies between 46 and 92 residents, and potentially more. They won't all have cars of course but they will have family, carers, visitors. The extra vehicles will be forced to park along the road which already seriously struggles with the current residents' cars. And many many more times over during the holidays and the festival.*
- 3) The vastness of the structure will permanently, negatively impact the town and the locals' homes and the scenic beauty of this part of Arundel, and the views of it from the countryside.*
- 4) This particular area suffers as it is from drainage issues, an extra 70 or so more residents squeezed in could be a disaster waiting to happen.*
- 5) The current site is unarguably an historic site-of-interest for the region. To consider replacing an important, and attractive, Victorian structure with a large ugly block of flats is unforgivable.*

This all seems to be pure speculation and greed from the developers and I urge the Council to be thoughtful and caring of the needs of the current residents, and all of us who love to visit Arundel for its charm and beauty. If the Council truly believes this area needs renovating then I can only hope they will look for a mix of affordable housing, and a much more considerate design in terms of size, quantity and quality.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying

you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

Planning operates an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the website. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements>.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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