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Your Ref: OWPC19663
Our Ref: AB/36/18/PL 30-03-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

17th August 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 16th August 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I believe the Swallow Brewery building should be protected from demolition.

Apart from the fact that it can be converted into some affordable homes, it's environmentally kinder and much more sensitive to use the building already constructed rather than demolish and rebuild.

Arundel already has five blocks of retirement flats some of which are vacant apparently.

Arundel needs diversity in its community and younger individuals and families need to be encouraged to live here by offering them affordable houses. (Perhaps even Rentals)

The area is already overcrowded and will struggle to accommodate extra traffic.

The additional noise and light pollution will also be undesirable to the environment and put stress on the community and some neighbours will experience loss of privacy which can cause detrimental effects to ones health. I heard from a psychologist that it's being proven that people living in cramped and non private spaces are much more prone to mental health problems.

Adding to this there is talk that southern water have warned of serious risk of flooding. I can't comment on this but it would certainly be another issue of concern in an over crowded area.

As for the breach of Arundel's neighbourhood plan - well it goes without saying - what's the point of a plan if it's not adhered to?!

I've lived in arundel for over 40 years in 4 different properties. Sometime in the old town sometimes in the Torton hill area. Both parts of Arundel have their special qualities but either way Arundel is a very special place to live. It's unique and enjoyed not only by its residents but also by many visitors. There is a strong sense of community here which I believe is pretty rare in this day and age.

I believe that to destroy the brewery building and erect these flats would be setting a very poor and deeply concerning precedent not only for Arundel but for West Sussex generally.

It would be like saying 'nothing is sacred anymore' 'everything is about money' 'we don't care about people or the environment or quality of life' 'let's just cram people in' 'let's be as insensitive as we can for a quick fix (of money) now and if there are consequences there will be for the future generations to lament.' 'What we destroy doesn't matter' etc etc

.....what a very sorry and sad situation that would be.

I know I've written rather a lot here but this issue actually seems to me to be about much more than just this one planning application. It's about the crucial need for us to adopt an attitude of much more thoughtful attention to our environments and much more sensitive careful planning.

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.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the 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 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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