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Your Ref: OWPC1872
Our Ref: AW/336/13/ 12-12-2013
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

20th January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Change of use from a hotel (C1 Hotel) to a residential care home (C2 Residential Institution) incorporating a new internal lift with a small external lift overrun.

The Russell Hotel Kings Parade Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 19th January 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

Dear Mr Davis

I wish to express the following objections to planning application for change of use of the Russell Hotel:

- 1. Surplus care home spaces for the elderly. (Evidence: Searching for a car home place for my mother provided plenty of choice.) Any shortage for young people could be ameliorated by a change in age range that individual homes cater for with wings for younger people such as already exists at the Homebeech Rest Home with its Daffodil wing.*
- 2. Bognor Regis has a limited stock of hotels and the Russell Hotel is one of the newer examples in better condition than most. To lose the Russell Hotel from the town would diminish the facilities available and be counter to the desires of the town's regeneration policy.*
- 3. Aldwick has even fewer facilities and the availability of the hotel facilities for non-residents is a facility that needs to be maintained. The swimming pool and exercise machines provide facility for Aldwick residents to improve their health & fitness without travelling to Felpham or Chichester - thus reducing mileage travelled including emissions from cars and costs resulting from increased use of bus passes by those having to travel further.*
- 4. If Ashley House needs to expand, then would I would suggest that there is still a stock of large residential houses in western Bognor Regis that could be used and would otherwise be redeveloped as flats. If Ashley House wants to move to newer facilities, then it is highly unlikely that their existing site would be redeveloped as a hotel with amenities. It seems more likely that it would be redeveloped as flats in common with many of the plots of land in that area. Moreover the Russell Hotel is a smaller site suggesting that there would be room to redevelop the existing site allowing some of it to go for residential development.*

To summarise I object to Bognor Regis's facilities to be further diminished to an extent if someone wants to visit Bognor Regis and stay in modern facilities, they do not have a choice but to stay in Butlins. Furthermore local residents do not have access to a swimming pool in the western half of the town.

Yours sincerely

Phil Slader

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go to the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. 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 means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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

Karl Roberts
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration