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Your Ref: OWPC1923
Our Ref: AW/336/13/ 12-12-2013
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

27th 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 27th January 2014 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

Re: AW/336/13

Please find this statement in full support of the application by Livability to purchase the Russell Hotel from Action for Blind People, in order to move residents of Ashley House to the Russell.

I fully endorse the supporting letter sent by my brother James Norris, on 10th January, 2014, referring to his twin, John - a resident at Ashley House. It gives a good oversight of the whole situation, covering all aspects of daily living for both staff and residents at Ashley House.

My interest and concerns results from visiting my brother, John Norris, who has lived at Ashley House since 1995. (Until fairly recently I lived in Salisbury, Wiltshire). There are very few care homes that specialise in providing facilities for people having multiple disabilities. The staff at Ashley House over more than fifty years have faithfully and sensitively served their residents' needs, but are now increasingly hampered by buildings that have become less than physically desirable or even comfortable. It would be a sad day should it reach a state of not being safe or fit for purpose and have to be closed.

The tireless efforts by Livability to re-provision Ashley House are at last within sight of reaching a satisfactory resolution. The Russell Hotel is not only close geographically to the present location but, according to the report from Action for The Blind, is no longer a viable proposition for that charity. The coming together over the proposed sale by these two caring organisations for mutual benefit is to be commended.

Like all moves from older to newer premises, the residents and staff will need time to adjust to their new surroundings. It may well be that once everyone is familiar with the new situation and settled into it, Livability might then consider how their new facilities can be best used to the advantage of members of the local community.

Longer term, the Potential Options put forward by Livability for growth and development of future opportunities offer an enhanced service to the wider community. There would also be more room to be able to offer places to those awaiting such specialist care provision. Far from being "mothballed", such development of the larger premises, given time and understanding, would then open up new employment opportunities for the area and enhanced lives for many.

I wholeheartedly support this application.

Ann Duguid (née Norris).

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
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