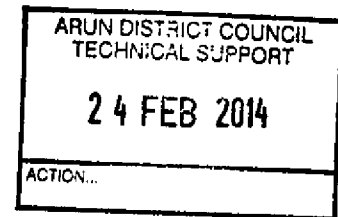


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Dear Mrs. Brown,

I understand that Valerie Chambers has spoken to you with regard to the proposed closure of the Russel Hotel in Bognor Regis.

I too would like to express my dismay at this closure. I attended the meeting of the Planning Application last Month where a spokeswoman for Ashley House put forward their proposals.

It was stated that Ashley House was in a poor state and that consideration may be given for it to close? Secondly, it was put to the Committee that they would try and keep the swimming pool area open for the members of the Public!

The Russel Hotel is a splendid place for dining, the rooms are very presentable and the swimming pool is absolutely excellent. The Pool area caters for exercise swimming as well as for the use of its visitors, it is most suitable for exercise therapy for the infirm, elderly, arthritic conditions and at the depth of only 2 metres for accompanied children.

The amount of money spent to adapt the Russel Hotel to cater for the large beds and wheelchairs used by its members perhaps could be better spent on Ashley House with its already made facilities. If the pool is to be used by the members of Ashley House, specialised equipment will be needed - with this installed, would it then be of use to the general public?

With the many blind persons who visit this Hotel, I have seen as many as ten labrador dogs at one time in the reception and lounge area. In a notice from the Hotel Management displayed on each table, it is stated the Hotel is most suitable for Blind guests and their Dogs and any dogs which are of a controllable nature., where else in Bognor can the current facilities for all the people mentioned be found? I do not believe that consideration will be given to condemn Ashley House.

Parking outside the Russel Hotel is at a premium in the summer and there are only three spaces attached to the Hotel and I understand that an Ambulance is also required - will all their vehicle parking requirements be suitable for this corner of Bognor?

If you have any opportunity I wonder if you would kindly put forward the above comments together with any others you may receive, as there are an awful lot of people who are very upset over this closure who are unable to make their thoughts known, not only because of the Pool area but there is no other place as suitable as the Russel for all concerned. With many thanks.

Yours s

Valerie Newton