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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: BR/120/21/PL
Site Address: The Royal Hotel The Esplanade Bognor Regis PO21 1SZ
Description of works: Variation of condition 2 imposed under BR/257/20/PL relating to approved plans (changes to the elevations of the western end of the building). This application affects the character & appearance of The Steyne, Bognor Regis, Conservation Area.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 27th May 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC36827

This situation is unbelievable. Firstly it is unbelievable that permission was granted 2 years ago to create 27 flats in this area without creating any extra parking for another 27, potentially 54 or more cars when there are already not enough parking spaces for the local residents as it is. It is just totally irresponsible.

Secondly, the fact that permission was granted to extend the Western elevation upwards is also unbelievable. The previous low construction which had been The Royal Hotel restaurant then a discotheque was harmonious, in keeping and sympathetic to the beautiful Steyne, which is the last remaining part of Regency/Victorian old Bognor since the rest of historic old Bognor has been destroyed by previous philistine councils in order to build ugly shops, and car parks.

As I already said when I objected 2 years ago: "Building another 2 floors on top of the Jack Rabbit Slims Western elevation would be completely out of keeping with and detrimental to the character of The Steyne. Being so tall it would overshadow the beauty of the loveliest place in Bognor and block out the sunlight of The Steyne and Manor Place. It would adversely affect the character of the Conservation Area."

This last variation adds further insult and compounds the injury not just to the Conservation Area but also to the residents of The Steyne and Manor Place. Surely there must be some consideration and respect in planning for the wellbeing of the local residents? Our lives our going to be affected badly by these constructions. We will be unable to park our cars and we will be living without our sea view in the shadow of a monstrosity over our heads!

It has just been brought to my attention that the Applicant is a member of the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board. That would explain the Regeneration Board's enthusiastic letter of approval. Is there not a HUGE Conflict of Interest here?

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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