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Your Ref: BR/130/17/PL

Our Ref: NW/ARU/17/20/B

Date: 13th October.2017

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Dear Mr Davies

RE. The Royal Hotel, The Esplanade, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 1SZ.

Thank you for your correspondence of 26th September 2017, advising me of an application for Change of Use of hotel & function room/licensed bar (C1 Hotel) to 18No. flats (C3 Dwelling houses). This application affects the character and appearance of The Steyne Conservation Area. Resubmission of BR/155/15/PL and for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion, and with the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Arun district being below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends should be considered.

I have reviewed comments made in our previous letter to you Ref PE/17/20/A dated 16/06/17 together with the INFORMATIVE measures stated in the Decision Notice

Those recommendations remain extant.

I can find no reference to any of the suggested measures being considered or implemented at this stage but would reiterate that if implemented they would provide a safer and more secure environment for the occupiers of the building when it is completed.

I would also ask you to note that Sussex Police is now exploring the impact of growth on the provision of policing infrastructure over the coming years and further comment on this application may be made by our Joint Commercial Planning Manager.

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The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely



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