

Dear Hugh Mackay,

Thank you for your email dated 15th August 2025 regarding your proposed planning application to redevelop the 3-4 Queens Square, Bognor Regis.


EHSL is a registered charity and housing association that provides specialised intensive housing management services for tenants with mental health diagnoses and learning disabilities including autism. EHSL works alongside support providers and landlords to ensure that the people that we provide housing to are supported appropriately in accommodation that meets their needs. This includes sourcing accommodation in the community owned by private landlords, developing bespoke housing solutions and supported living schemes, and working with care and support providers that own the properties they operate in, to ensure that sufficient housing management and associated support services are provided to our tenants.

Throughout EHSL's 13 years of operation in the supported living sector, we are greatly aware of the existing and ever-increasing demand for suitable and specialised accommodation for vulnerable adults. The configuration of units you have outlined will aid in fulfilling a national demand for single occupancy self-contained flats. These types of units are highly sought after by commissioning authorities and are difficult to source through the private rental market. There is no requirement for communal areas within the property, and the introduction of said communal areas could be detrimental to the model, due to the drive to encourage self-sufficiency and independence of the service users.

The proposed development site is well located near public transport links that will allow vulnerable tenants access to the community and is within walking distance to grocery stores. The configuration of flats within the block will give EHSL and the care provider the ability to house vulnerable adults who require 24/7 support and give them the opportunity to develop their independence. The provision of supported living is permitted under Use Classes C2, C3(b), C4 and Sui Generis of the amended Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987. EHSL typically leases properties that have C2 and C3(b) permitted use classes.

EHSL is aware that there is a national shortage of self-contained accommodation for vulnerable tenants in supported living schemes. I can confirm that EHSL is in support of this proposal.

Kind regards,



Elliot Hargreaves,
Group Development Director at EHSL

Dated: 27th August 2024