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Your Ref: OWPC19682
Our Ref: BR/191/18/PL 23-07-2018
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

20th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Demolition of 2 & 3 storey building with mixed use (commercial & dwellings). This application affects the character and appearance of The Steyne, Bognor Regis Conservation Area

2 - 4 Waterloo Square Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th August 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

The applicant relies on reports by their consultants claiming the property to be a danger and beyond reclaim/repair.

I am advised that these are riddled with caveats and that the claim should be treated with scepticism. and that demolition is not necessary.

The argument is that the property could be restored and made viable, within the spirit and character of Waterloo Square. 2-4 WS is similar in character, design and era to the Old Fire Station in Bognor High Street, now occupied by The Lock Centre.

I am also DEEPLY critical of the role of the building owner, the Council, in permitting over a period of years, even decades, its tenants in this property and the adjoining ones in 6-8 Waterloo Square and The Beach Hotel site on the Esplanade to fall into such appalling, ruinous state. A Council spokesperson has excused this neglect by the Council and its tenants on the ludicrous grounds that the Council as head landlord cannot intervene.

Such a claim stands in starkest contrast to its actions re its properties at 18 WS/75 High Street occupied by the Number 18 youth charity where far less dilapidation led to demands to remedy, court action etc. I am demanding an explanation of why the Council allowed such neglect of its properties at the southern end and OBJECTING to an application enabled sheerly by dint of the Council's neglect.

This property ought never to have been permitted to get into the state it is in, and this application by Arun's tenant must be rejected.

I am aiming to submit information re detail on the issues above as part of this Objection.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control

Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

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

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