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Your Ref: OWPC14606
Our Ref: BR/194/17/PL 30-06-2017
Please ask for:
Richard Temple

19th July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Demolition of the existing Foreshore office and decommissioning of existing underground toilets. New purpose built unisex toilet block including urinals, baby changing facilities and accessible WC, plus a separate beach office with public information point and first aid facilities. All located on the existing seafront promenade.

Promenade Opposite Clarence Road The Esplanade Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 18th July 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I object to the proposal for new seafront facilities on the following grounds.

Safety. The promenade at the proposed location is too narrow. The space in front of the facilities would have to accommodate the seafront train, pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooters, skateboarders, people queuing for the toilets, etc. As proven by incidents under the current Portaloo arrangement, the ensuing chaos at busy times poses an unacceptable risk to life and limb, especially for children. The new facilities should be located away from the train route.

Effectiveness. The new facilities are intended to serve the whole of the promenade. To maximise effectiveness and convenience, they should be located centrally on the promenade, rather than near the east end.

Toilet Door Position. To have the cubicle doors on the north side is outrageous and unacceptable for what concerns aesthetics. To have toilet in/out/queuing activity in front of their eyes all day long would be absolutely disgusting and intolerable to residents in the buildings opposite. Such an orientation of the doors runs completely contrary to civilised values, to the point of vulgarity, and takes no account whatsoever of the human factors of the surrounding locality. In my opinion, this aspect alone negates the validity of the whole proposal.

I offer the following solutions:-

- i) Locate the new facilities to the west of Whittington's kiosk/shop/train-garage, clear of the train turning circle - i.e. to the current location of the deckchair hire kiosk. Any need for additional water/waste/electrical connections would not be adequate reason to preclude this solution.*
- ii) Position the toilet cubicle doors on the south side.*

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for

public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

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

Neil Crowther
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