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

8th August 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 & decommissioning of existing underground toilets. New purpose built unisex toilet block including urinals, baby changing facilities & accessible WC, plus a separate beach office with public information point & 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 7th August 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I strongly object to the proposed new development of combined toilets and Foreshore Office. The proposal should be an improvement to the local area and you seem to have missed the opportunity to this.

Tourists of course need toilet facilities but they are transient people and are not particularly interested in the impact on the surrounding area or local people. They obviously want nice facilities as we all would

Residents are permanent and do not want to see public toilets out of their windows 24 hours a day 365 days a year along with all the sordidness that goes with it.

- *Poor location for toilets to be sited opposite a residential building*
- *Poor location on the promenade because it is the most narrow position you could have chosen on the promenade.*
- *Poor decision to locate toilet doors facing the residential building (no doubt because it is dangerous to have doors facing the pedestrian walk way where injury could occur). This could well subject residents of Bognor Regis to a view of the urinals while people leave the doors open to use the facilities (particularly when they are drunk)*

Why have toilets and Foreshore Office got to be together. If you insist on locating the toilet facilities at the east end of the promenade It would be better to:-

- a) *locate the toilets opposite the car park near Butlins because*
 - *it has much more promenade space available*
 - *cause less danger to passersby and the tram by toilet doors opening*
 - *minimise distress to local residents*
- b) *locate a smaller new Foreshore office in its current location.*
 - *no impact of tourists*
 - *reduce distress to local residents*

This is going to be a permanent feature for many many years to come and yes it will cost a little more to have two new buildings but the tourists will be happy and so will the residents. And maybe residents can contribute to the cost if that proves necessary. This may not be the ideal proposal but it is a far better proposal than that dreamed up so far.

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 to 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

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