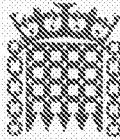


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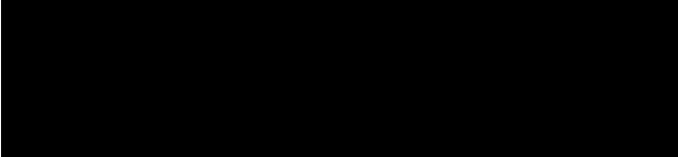
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Dear Mr Lynn

I have received the enclosed email from my constituent, Ms Susan Bunyan of Apartment 1 Esplanade Grande, The Esplanade, Bognor Regis, PO21 1NY, regarding her concerns about the planning application BR/194/17/PL.

It would be enormously helpful if you would kindly look into the issues raised by Ms Bunyan and let me have your comments in due course.

With best wishes.



Sue Bunyan

20 July 2017 12:36

ADC Planning Application BR/194/17/PL

To: Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb MP
Ms. Gillian Brown - Leader Arun District Council
Mr. Paul Wells - ADC Councillor Hotham Ward
Mr. Steve Reynolds - ADC Councillor Hotham Ward

Dear Sirs and Madam

Subject: ADC Planning Application BR/194/17/PL

As you may already be aware, the above planning application covers the building of a new beach office and a unisex toilet block on the site of the existing foreshore office on Bognor Regis promenade, directly opposite our Esplanade Grande residential building (51 apartments). Whereas the beach office is no cause of concern to our residents, the proposed new toilet block has led to intense anger and distress, for the following reasons.

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, service vehicles, emergency vehicles, etc. The ensuing chaos at busy times would pose an unacceptable risk to life and limb, especially for children. The new facilities should be located away from the train route.

Aesthetics To locate an above-ground toilet block so close to and directly in front of a residential apartment block takes no account of the human factors of the locality.

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 repugnant and unacceptable. 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 building opposite. Such an orientation of the doors runs completely contrary to civilised values, to the point of vulgarity. It thereby does very substantial harm to the 'residential visual amenity' of our building (note: different from 'right to a view').

On the above basis, we consider the proposal to be severely flawed. So much so that it seems bizarre and incredible for it ever to have been put on the table in its current form, not only because of the unsuitability of the location, but particularly with regard to toilet cubicle door position.

A possible (but surely not only) solution is:-

- i) Locate the new facilities to the west of Whittington's kiosk/shop/train-garage, clear of the train turning

circle. Any need for additional water/waste/electrical work would not be a credible reason in the grand scale of things to reject this alternative location.

ii) Position the toilet cubicle doors on the south side.

I request your help in resolving this matter. In particular, I call for your active intervention to have the planning application withdrawn for appropriate amendment.

Kind regards,

Sue Bunyan (Esplanade Grande Residents Committee Member)



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