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12th November 2018

Arun District Council
Planning Dept
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Dear Sirs

Royal Hotel

As a family who have tried hard to see the upkeep and regeneration of Bognor Regis, having followed its progress since a three year old boy in 1937, I am very concerned to see that the Royal Hotel has been sold to a financial organisation with permission to convert the old Hotel into, I believe, 16 flats.

This building is almost the last Hotel from the glorious Bognor history to be in a position to welcome guests and dances and parties for local clubs and organisations.

The last purchasers managed to change the social aspect from party and organisation celebrations to a night club "Jack Rabbit" which was not welcomed by residents and guests and I believe failed miserably. Knowing that this had shown the incompetence and lack of understanding of the owners as to what was needed by Bognor, the councillors agreed an application from the owners to convert the whole Hotel virtually to flats – Who knows if this will be successful?

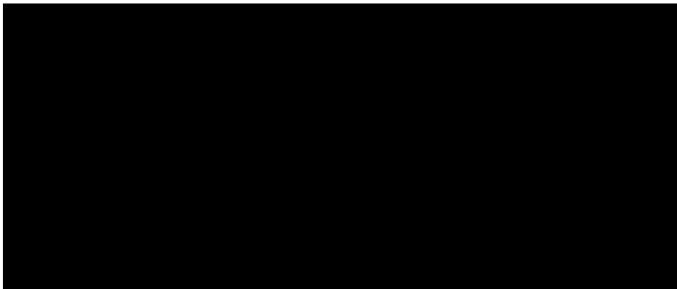
I and many of my friends and family would hope that the Council will recognise their mistake in this matter and persuade the authorities to list this premises to ensure its return to an asset for Bognor many years into the future.

My wife and I, for 13 years, ran International Bognor Birdman against the opposition from Worthing. Having reached 80 years plus we gave up control in 2016. It did not run this year and is likely not to run next year, losing Bognor's international status hosting a worldwide event. We are considering whether we should return to encourage the running of this event, in our mid 80s.

Please consider our appeal and assist in keeping Bognor Regis alive.

Yours faithfully

Mr and Mrs RBB Jones



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Dear Sirs

Re Royal Norfolk Hotel

I note that you have recently had an application from the Royal Norfolk Hotel to build four houses on the old tennis court area.

We have written to you before when Christ for the Nations UK put in a similar application about four years ago. We objected at the time as houses and gardens would destroy the view along the front of the listed building at the eastern end. The previous application was subsequently refused and we cannot see any change in the new application which overcomes our objection.

We have seen over the past few years the loss of the stables and tack room which was used for staff accommodation. The stables were used to provide property for permanent housing and to make some monies for the owners that they paid to the original owners (Malayan) for the whole property.

The present owner has been given permission for the halls in the premises used for dances and parties for Bognor residents and businesses to bedrooms to accommodate relatively old retired people who come in coaches and this provides little or no income for Bognor Regis town.

We feel you should, when dealing with Bognor Regis, look for developments that add to the attraction of the town and thus regenerate the area not destroy it.

Please consider our comments carefully as the loss of this tennis court area will mean that it cannot in the future return as an attraction to young fit people who will add to the regeneration of the area.

Where else is there an available tennis court? What attraction is there in a dead Bognor?

Yours faithfully,
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Mr and Mrs RBB Jones