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Your Ref: OWPC21251
Our Ref: BR/215/18/PL 27-07-2018
Please ask for:
Mr S Davis

28th January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Conversion & extension of dwelling comprising two existing flats to form 6 No. flats (4 No. new) with associated ancillary services.

75 Highfield Road Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 27th January 2019 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I am very relieved that this Application will now be going before the Development Control Committee at Littlehampton rather than being handled under Delegated Authority. The local residents did not have the opportunity to make their views known before or at our Town Council's Planning Committee Meeting on 20th November because at that time they were all totally unaware of this planned development. Hopefully they will be able to express their concerns at the ARUN meeting and the Committee will realize the serious implications for our Community.

The first any of us knew of this Planning Application was on Social Media when a resident posted a warning on 22nd November and then a flyer was put through letterboxes by another resident on 23rd November. The single yellow Planning Notice that is the only official warning residents see didn't appear until 29th November, 5 days after I had emailed you asking why there were no Notices present and 9 days after the BRTC Planning Committee Meeting. It only lasted just over a week in the wind and rain. A single Planning Notice with none in the areas surrounding the proposed build is surely not sufficient for a Development like this one which will affect so many people's daily lives.

There appears to have been a similar lack of Yellow Planning Notices at another contentious Development Site on Highfield Road, BR/215/18/PL, where the residents were begging for more notices to be pinned up so that more people would know what was planned. As the Planning Notice is a very vital part of the Documentation, surely this should be uploaded to the Planning Portal so that it is available to be viewed by the Community it is supposed to help protect? Perhaps the Planning Department at Arun District Council could arrange for this to happen in the future, please?

I was dismayed to read in your recent email online that the fact that BRTC had not objected would mean this Application would probably be handled under Delegated Authority. It appears that BRTC Planning Committee didn't raise an objection because the residents didn't object. Once we became aware, there were plenty of objections, residents concerned about many issues including the over-development of multi-occupancy in that section of Victoria Drive, increased traffic chaos and the danger to the school a stone's throw South across the extremely busy Victoria Drive/Linden Road roundabout as well as the proximity to the hectic Square-About to the North. Many residents in surrounding roads were still not aware after the Consultation Period had ended.

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

Neil Crowther
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