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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2 (As amended)

Application No: BR/222/20/PD

Site Address: Gordon House Queensway Bognor Regis PO21 1QX

Description of works: Prior Approval under Schedule 2, Part 20, Class AA of the town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for an additional 5th storey providing a total of 17 No. flats.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 19th October 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

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1) My most immediate concern is for the reduction in natural sunlight for those residents living on the first floor of the block with outlook onto Queensway. Currently the outlook is straight into the windows of the block opposite, with the relief of a third of the view onto natural sky and clouds...which provides colour, relief and a feeling of space. This will be lost if additional stories are added to these blocks of flats! If Gordon House is allowed an extra storey, Queensway House opposite is likely to follow, creating a blocked view and a feeling of entrapped space for residents. It will feel like a prison. I rely on natural sunlight in the afternoons for fine art painting and for my indoor plants.

2) How will the current building structure withstand an additional storey, when there are already cracks within the building. High and heavy traffic volume in the town centre means the building is continuously under vibration, particularly when HGV's are delivering both back and front of the building. Buses make the building vibrate throughout the day. In addition, has the building been thoroughly surveyed since the WW2 bomb blast at Felpham a couple of years back? The entire building shook on that Sunday afternoon, resulting in a large and heavy settee moving a couple of inches in the process. I have not been aware of any structural checks following this sudden movement being carried out locally by the Council to ascertain any damages. This is a concern due to the level and distance of the blast and the effect on this building at the time. There are hairline cracks in some flats and I feel these should be assessed along with the rest of the building to ascertain if the new proposed building works can be tolerated by this building...which was not designed to have an additional structure added in its original development.

3) Building security: will this be compromised during and after construction? Scaffolding will make us vulnerable as well as reduce our light.

- 4) Fire Security: This block has its fair share of fire alarms going off already....will the additional storey compromise our safety?
- 5) Impact on residents waste disposal options: We already have limited options for waste and rubbish disposal. The current rubbish chute is not sufficient and easily blocks up. There is no option for recycling any rubbish in the vicinity and additional residents will require even more space for rubbish disposal. No facilities for larger items of household rubbish currently at the site.
- 6) Increase in noise disruption/vibration during building works within the street setting. Also additional dust and building debris on entering and leaving the building for residents.
- 7) Will scaffolding block in the balconies during the summer months? Again absence of light will impact in a very negative way for those already living in very limited space (ie one room).

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
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