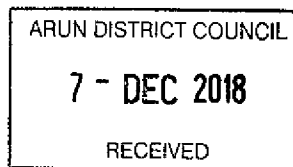


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6th December 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re:Objection to planning application at 99 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis (BR/281/18/PL)

I am writing to state my absolute objection to the proposed development at the above address.

As a nearby resident for many years, I am dismayed by the way the northern end of Victoria Drive has become a haven for flats and converted houses offering multiple-occupancy. This development will add nothing to the character of the road, and it will not improve the wellbeing of any of it's current residents or those in neighbouring or adjoining roads.

In the first instance it will of course create a considerable increase in the amount of traffic using this road, and also result in far more vehicles parked on roads and kerbsides along Victoria Drive. Although I note there is some parking provision in the planning application, this will never be adequate for all the cars that might need to park nearby. The road is already part of a "rat run" and many cars travel at far in excess of the speed limit, weaving in and out as the negotiate the cars that are already parked in the road. The chance of a major traffic incident is certainly increased by this development.

I also believe that this development will create considerable light and noise pollution along with a further loss of privacy for all nearby residents. With a multi floor development such as this, the resultant amount of light from each occupant will be far in excess of a normal house. There is already considerable light penetration into our house at night despite using black out curtains. This is unacceptable. Furthermore, the number of residents will increase so the noise levels will increase and the privacy levels will decrease, especially as each dwelling will have a balcony overlooking neighbours in Victoria Drive and Hillsborough Road. The road is far too overcrowded already, so this planning application is only adding to an overburdened position, and increasingly creating a look that is more "run-down" than "up-market".

The proliferation of multi occupancy dwellings is unacceptable in such a residential road. The density of housing has increased considerably in recent times, yet services, road management, policing, street cleaning and all other services have stayed the same or declined leading to a rapid deterioration in the potential health and safety of the area and it's residents.

I also wish to raise a concern that planners do not write to individual households advising them proactively of such planning applications (large or small). Surely the council should be doing so, or, please forgive me for suggesting this, are you seeking to limit the number of potential objections? I note that planning decisions in south Victoria Drive have recently been more sympathetic to objectors but I do not feel the same rigor has been applied to applications from the northern end of the road.

I trust that you will consider my objections very seriously in this instance.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Paul Cox

