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Subject: Br/311/18/PL University of Chichester - Condition 6
Importance: High

Dear Simon,

Br/311/18/PL University of Chichester - Condition 6

The University have provided feedback on the draft list of conditions and have raised a very strong concern regarding Condition 6, which states:

"The accommodation shall only be occupied by students enrolled on full-time courses at further and higher education establishments or students working at a medical or educational institution, as part of their medical or education course."

Reason: The Local Planning Authority has granted permission on the grounds that the accommodation will be used in connection with Chichester University and it is necessary to impose such a control to ensure the building is not sometime in the future occupied as a HMO. In accordance with policies C SP1, EMP SP2 and H SP4 of the Arun Local Plan."

While the main use of the proposed development will be for full time undergraduate and postgraduate students attending courses at the University, the University also provide a programme of courses and professional conferences during the summer months for students, academics and professionals. The accommodation will continue to be directly managed by the University, including housing management and security services.

As currently worded, condition 6 would prevent the University from using what would be their newest on campus accommodation for use for such events, curtailing the University's legitimate business interests and potentially risking significant financial benefit to Bognor Regis with spend directly into the local economy. The condition would also render the accommodation empty for around 4 months of the year which would not amount to an effective use

of the site and not support the enhancement of knowledge and cultural based opportunities identified in Local Plan Policy EMP SP2.

All Universities now offer summer provision for educational and professional conferences and the condition as currently worded would therefore place the University of Chichester in an almost uniquely disadvantaged position.

We would like to suggest the following alternative simplified wording for the condition:

“The accommodation shall only be occupied by those enrolled on courses or attending academic or professional events at the University.”

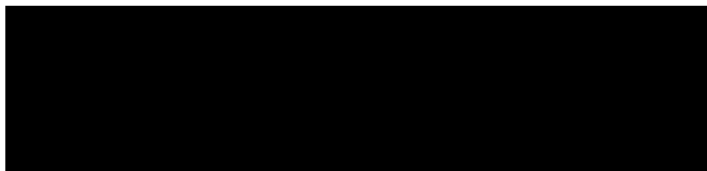
The reason for the condition will remain. The suggested revision would maintain the requirement for the accommodation to be solely for use by people attending events at the University, however, it would provide flexibility in terms of the length of course and allow conference attendees access to the onsite facilities.

As previously noted, I’m now away from the office until 24th June. I’d therefore be grateful if you keep my colleagues cc’d on any response in order that any actions can be suitably addressed in my absence.

Kind regards

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