

1st May 2020

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: BR/86/20/PL
Site Address: Aldwick House Care Home 41-45 Nyewood Lane Bognor Regis PO21 2SJ
Description of works: Part change of use from a 32-bed nursing home (C2 Residential Institutions) to a 38-bedsit House in Multiple Occupation (sui generis) comprising 24 No single person & 14 No two-person bedsits along with separate shower rooms & wcs, demolition of rear conservatory & store & erection of single storey rear extension & with minor external alterations to side elevations & insertion of 4 No roof lights on rear elevation.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 1st May 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC26669

Dear Sir/Madame.

Please register my strong objection to the above application for the following reasons.

Over the last ten to twelve years the area around the proposed application, and for that matter Bognor Regis generally, has suffered greatly as a result of the type of housing proposed. A further large scale HMO development will only further erode our community of largely family and privately owned homes.

The proliferation of HMOs has made an unwelcome change to the character of our area and has, in many cases, caused a great deal of stress to those who find themselves living with it's consequences on a daily basis. We find ourselves the victims of noise and antisocial behaviour on a regular basis by those who appear to care nothing for their neighbours or the wider community. We have seen a huge growth in street drinking and it's negative results since the growth of HMO housing in our area with problems in Marine Park Gardens, and along the Aldwick end of the promenade in particular. We also find ourselves with a severe shortage of parking, particularly around the area of the proposed development, with Richmond Ave as one example now largely converted into HMO properties. Long term residents and private home owners, many of whom have retired to Bognor, find they can no longer find a place to park as a result of the increase in numbers as a result of HMO parking. Parking is at saturation point in this area with parking over dropped curbs, preventing people with prams and mobility scooters from crossing the roads safely, sadly a regular, almost accepted practice.

Frankly the proliferation of this type of housing has become a scourge on not only our town but the country generally, deflating community spirit and eroding pride.

The negative effects caused by these developments have been recognised at local council and parliament level at a time when people have clearly indicated their desire to move away from the institutions at the heart of the need for such housing. A further HMO of this scale is, therefore, the last thing this area needs and I strongly urge the rejection of its planning application.

Yours sincerely

Mark Saunders.

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

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The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

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
Group Head of Planning

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