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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: LU/247/20/PL
Site Address: 57 River Road Littlehampton BN17 5DD
Description of works: Partial demolition of existing building, retention of boundary wall & street facade, partial demolition of boundary wall to incorporate new pedestrian gateway & gate, erection of 6 No. flats in 2 blocks connected by shared stair & lift core, on site parking yard for 8 No. cars & 8 No. cycles & space for communal refuse & recycling bins. This application affects the character & appearance of the Littlehampton River Road Conservation Area & is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated) as flats.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 4th October 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC30049

I am objecting but only on the grounds that the application as currently drafted does not do enough to protect the heritage of Littlehampton. I have no objection to the development of the yard and indeed the proposal as submitted does continue the theme from next door by proposing high quality riverside apartments with parking whilst retaining part of the original street scene by preserving frontages. The difficulty here is how much we value buildings included on the local list, buildings of special character and the integrity of the conservation area. This building has strong historical connections with Littlehamptons development as a Town. It has many original features externally and internally and would be capable of renovation into (just to pluck a suggestion out of the air) a live/work unit. In fact it might be possible to incorporate the building into the new development as a whole. The original building is the last of its kind, of that age, with a strong local historical connection in the River Road conservation area. The heritage statement makes it very clear that the deterioration of the building has been allowed to happen because of lack of maintenance, and this should not be rewarded. The status of the building should have been clear to the purchaser of the site. If the application is recommended for approval I would like to suggest that a history board be incorporated for public view to tell the story of the site.

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

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in

this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

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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
Group Head of Planning

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