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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/252/21/PL
Site Address: 6 Selborne Place Selborne Road Littlehampton BN17 5NH
Description of works: Change from current 8 bedroom large house in multiple occupation (sui generis) to a 9 bedroom large house in multiple occupation (sui generis). This application affects the character & appearance of the Littlehampton Sea Front Conservation Area.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 27th August 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC39968

We don't need any more HMO's this clearly smacks of let's try to squeeze another room in to make some more money regardless of the overall effect on the town and surrounding area. Unfortunately Littlehampton is becoming overrun with Bedsits and HMO's. Substantial family homes, pubs and office buildings are being bought up and converted into accommodation which although legally deemed fit for purpose does nothing for the town. The demographics of Littlehampton are being skewed by developers looking to make money at the expense of the residents and the sustainability of the town. We are losing the cross section of people that any town needs to remain viable. The incomes and wealth that any town needs to remain functioning is being driven out. The council and the planning office should be working together to ensure the town remains sustainable.

It is interesting to note that in Southampton the planning office has made an Article 4 directive which removes permitted development rights for a change of use from C3 to C4. The planning authority and the local council in Southampton have realised that the town can not continue to allow a disproportionate growth of one particular type of development to go unchecked and are taking steps to address this. Whilst this planning application does not appear to fall foul of any regulations and steps as taken by Southampton would not apply the planning office and council have a duty to look at the bigger picture. They should be refusing inappropriate developments, they should also be looking at ways to restrict these inappropriate developments by whatever means they can and where necessary they should be changing the regulations as is being done by other councils.

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 including your name and address 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 Planning 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/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning 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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