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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/359/21/PL
Site Address: 18-22 East Street Littlehampton BN17 6AW
Description of works: Change of use from C2 residential to an HMO (Sui Generis) (resubmission following LU/124/21/PL). This application may affect the setting of a listed building and may affect the East Street, Littlehampton Conservation Area.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 29th November 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC42228

Dear Sir

I am writing regarding the planning application LU/359/21/PL This is yet another application in Littlehampton for yet another property to be converted into yet another HMO. 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 do 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 this is a rehash of a previous application LU124/21/PL on the same site where there were objection letters including one from the Town Council Planning group. No doubt they will comment on this application which has been altered and now consists of 10 HMO's rather than the previous 11? In essence however the Planning group identify that in Littlehampton there is a need for family housing. The same point I am making. This does not meet that need and should be refused. If allowed it will be a lost opportunity.

It is also interesting to note that the withdrawal of the previous application LU124/21/PL and the resubmission of this one has coincided with the "opinion" in the Littlehampton gazette 25/11/21 of one of our local MP's Andrew Griffith regarding the practice of repeated applications by developers. It seems that he feels the planning system is being abused and whilst I am sure this is not the case here a message needs to be sent that yet more planning applications for HMO's in Littlehampton are inappropriate

Finally I feel I have to comment on the Planning and Heritage statement in this application. It lists previous applications on this site but fails to list application LU/124/21/PL. I assume this is as it was withdrawn at the last minute when the developer realised it was inappropriate and felt it unlikely to be approved? However it also goes on to list various other questionable claims in support of this application based on various planning policies including under section 5.4.3 where it suggests this development will help raise skill levels? And under section 5.4.5 there is a suggestion that this development will support healthy communities. It will not. As we know Healthy communities need to consist of a cross section of developments not just yet more HMO's

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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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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