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Please treat as a further representation

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From: Rod Brown [REDACTED]
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To: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: LU/50/21/PL : Proposal to place 20 Beach Huts at Sea Road Littlehampton.

Good afternoon,
I'm pleased you received the rather lengthy message, it was in fact blocked by the mail server and a fatal delivery error flagged up, so I also placed a shorter comment through the website - sorry for the duplication.

Living here I am of course a member of East Beach Residents Association and I know the Chairman David Warne has submitted a representation following EBRA's AGM last weekend.

I know he raised it, but is this application due to be determined on 28th April?

Your report and the LTC response were visible on the Ocella website window, but have now gone, but the Agenda for the Development control meeting still shows the Application and Report as being due for consideration before the end of the date for comments on 1st May.

Another issue that I noticed on the Ocella web is the absence of Street View elevations showing the grouping of the huts. A single hut is shown - that is hardly sufficient to convey the effect of this proposal which deals with about 400 metres of strategic seafront! This is a matter of Town Planning rather than a single garden shed.

There are a number of my neighbours who are extremely upset by the prospect of losing the view from Norfolk Road - that's both locals and Holiday Home owners. About 3 years ago the RNLI lifeguard hut was placed in line with Norfolk road, and that raised a good deal of emotion, but at least it was temporary, but in their view was there for too long.

It's easy to get familiar with this view of the sea and overlook it if you drive past every day but it will massively missed if it's blocked.

it really is the only such view in town, and matters. At a lot of levels. It's not just the sea, it's the shipping and marine activity - the feeling of looking up to the horizon.

One of the attendees at the EBRA AGM pointed out that the arrangement at the bend in Sea Road works as a unique strategic hub, tying all the visual elements together: the promenade in two directions East and West, the transition from the beach-hutted edge-of-the-town informal beach to the more Urban Resort features, the outstanding sea side Restaurant, car parking for the beach, foot access to the seafront, and the transition from Urban South Terrace to Coastline Road.

To make up for the absence of a Street View in the Application, I've extracted simulations that are in the EBRA submission, and placed two below, and hope these will be visible from the file on the Ocella web window.





I've concentrated on this issue because there are already several objection that express how further closing-off of the beach by new beach huts will have an adverse effect on a large number of people - and at a time when that seafront and the space and sea views have been a godsend to so many who are feeling effects of Lockdown. We are all feel threatened personally by this, but its something that will go on and degrade the lives of future generations too.

Yours Truly
Rod Brown