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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/50/21/PL
Site Address: Littlehampton Promenade South of Putting Green Sea Road Littlehampton
Description of works: Provision of 20 No. new beach huts on concrete bearers to broadly match existing.
This site is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 23rd April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC35365

I wish to object to this proposal as a clear violation of Policy C SP1 Countryside. It would have a significant adverse impact upon the seascapes and landscapes of this area. The justification offered as an exception (item d.) in C SP1), which argues the public benefits of proceeding with this proposal outweigh the significant adverse impacts to the seascapes and landscapes, in my view, is wholly subjective, not quantified and makes little sense.

How will 20 owners infrequently using beach huts justify blocking the seascape in this visually important hub and meeting place on our seafront which is enjoyed by hundreds, if not thousands of people in our community and visitors on a daily basis? And all who drive by. This proposal would erode the visual and aesthetic harmony and balance that Councils' have worked so hard to achieve over the years in a uniquely important part of our seaside promenade.

Moreover, it would create congestion on the promenade where the children's train turns, empties & loads, and where bikes, skateboards and people strolling converge and who must look for limited space to move away from collisions or mishaps. From a safety perspective it is equivalent to removal of the hard shoulder on a motorway.

It takes away valuable community space to spill over on the shingle alongside the promenade where special events like fun fairs are held on fireworks night. It gives up that unique hub space for residents and visitors alike to comfortably view future sea sport events.

The justification offered that this extra wall of 20 beach huts (in that specific location) supports other Policies

such as TOU SP1, S-TR-1 and S-TR-2 on encouraging tourist growth are equally subjective, not quantified and rather difficult to understand. Given the opportunity, I suggest that a majority in the community will argue that blocking off our scenic views (again in that manner and in that location) achieves the exact opposite.

As we discuss it many see it as a backward planning step and likely a source of irritation for residents for years, until those huts are eventually removed. It is not sustainable.

The Conclusion section in the draft minutes for the 28th April 2021 meeting of the Development Control Committee on LU/50/21/PL illustrates our concerns.

"Background: This application will enable Arun District Council to improve the Littlehampton seafront offer for its visitors. Additional beach huts would increase footfall and add to the vitality of the area generally and would benefit businesses located along the seafront and promenade."

I thus support those who respectfully urge the Officers and Councillors involved to please withdraw this application. Proceeding with the proposal would deliver what the humourist author Tom Sharpe once termed a "Blot on the Landscape", in this case on our seascape.

That's something we can all avoid under the C SP1 protection and rationale.

Sincerely
Lawrence Haas, Littlehampton
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Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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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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