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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 24th April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC35375

Frankly I am appalled that the committee is considering this application from the council - to add another large block of beach huts and to infill further the precious spaces between the existing groups of huts.

The Littlehampton seascape is the probably the most important asset that Littlehampton has. A major part of the promenade already has diminished sea views with the existing spaces between huts already squeezing those glimpses that you get as you walk, cycle or drive past.

One of the most important views, the long view of the sea as you come down Norfolk Road would be lost. Only this week a visiting child was heard excitedly shouting the familiar refrain "I can see the sea!". There was local relief when the lifeguard's hut was moved away from that 'key position' to further along the beach. We also realised just what we had been missing when the old wooden huts were being replaced by the plastic ones and for a short time the seascape was opened up.

A further infill of the spaces between the huts would also compromise the views from the benches, many dedicated to 'loved ones' who appreciated that view. The views are so important to residents, visitors and local businesses alike and must not be lost.

I realise that there is a high demand for huts and that with the waiting list is closed and stands at nearly 280. The proposed 20 huts will hardly satisfy that demand and would seem to benefit the few at the expense of the majority. The existing huts are generally under used by those that have them. Perhaps when they do become available it would make more sense for the council to keep ownership and hire them out on a daily or weekly basis as they used to in the 1970's thus gaining some revenue and enabling a wider group of people to

benefit.

Over this last year like many others I have taken my daily walks along the seafront - avoiding the promenade to the west of the bend in the road, as it is always significantly more crowded between that point and the river and social distancing is impossible. So I have appreciated the sea glimpses more than ever. Even getting onto the beach between the huts it is not always possible to socially distance.

Being outside and appreciating nature and open spaces is known to have both psychological and health benefits and there has never been a time when this has been more important! The sea views are very precious. Please don't rob us of those benefits.

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

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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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