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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 25th April 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC35385

LU/50/21/PL: Proposal by Arun District Council to place additional Beach Huts on Sea Road

I am the Chairman of the East Beach Residents Association and I have been mandated by our General Meeting to state the Association's objection to the proposals in LU/50/21/PL.

Specifically, the Association feels that, contrary to what is stated in the Officer's Report, the Proposal will have a significant and unacceptable adverse effect on the Seascape as currently experienced by the Public from the Promenade and from adjoining Streets and public and private areas, and thus conflicts with the intentions of policy SCP-1:

There are no public benefits arising from the proposal, only to a limited number who would pay for the privilege. The landscape and seascape will be obstructed at all times, degrading the enjoyment of hundreds of people every day, but our members are well aware (some of them being beach-hut occupants either currently or from time to time) that not only would few people benefit from additional beach huts, the actual usage is very low indeed, several people admitting to less than half a dozen days use per year.

The therapeutic benefits of a walk along the Sea Road Promenade with the sea and sand and sky at the side has been enormously beneficial to the physical and mental wellbeing of thousands in our community, particularly over the last 13 months. This asset has a value that should be recognised and not diminished in any way.

The Proposals would cause some specific losses of visual amenity that strike at the heart of the Seaside Experience for visitors and residents alike. Probably greatest among these is the loss of the view of the sea

on the approach down Norfolk Road. This is the only Sea View from Street Level in the whole of Littlehampton - but no mention is made in the Report to show that this unique quality was taken into consideration in any way at all, indicating a sorry lack of familiarity with the neighbourhood.

This triple junction - Norfolk Road to the Sea Road bend, and Sea Road to the east and west Promenade - forms a uniquely strategic hub that ties together all the visual elements of the Littlehampton Seafront Experience and brings all the amenities in that area together. It works great as is. Everyone enjoys it.

I will be sending a separate e-mail with an attachment illustrating the effects of the proposals, which I will also copy to the committee members, and which I ask you take into consideration along with this letter.

Yours faithfully,

David Warne
Chair, EBRA

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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