

Economic Development Statement

For

Change of use of existing betting shop (Sui Generis) on ground floor with flat over to 1 No flat on ground floor (C3 Dwelling houses) to include single storey rear extension & conversion of loft space to include dormer window on rear elevation.

- Previous similar application number P/23/19/PL consultation with M. Nichols (Arun Council 4th March, 2019) states 'Economic development has no objection to the application'.
- The loss of shops in certain areas is prevented by RET DM1 - however the change of use of the betting shop (sui generis) and not A1 retail therefore the policy does not apply.
- Minimal impact on the surrounding area with the loss of this betting shop.
- Present employment was one full time staff and two part time staff. Betting shops are not encouraged and small scale shops are not viable due to the use of on-line betting.
- This betting shop was running at a loss and was and could not be sustained.
- This application is a result of the forthcoming change in law to cap the maximum stake placed on gambling machines. Small betting shops will no longer become financially viable.