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To: Planning
Subject: Princess Marina House: bus parking extension: application R/105/15/PL

We hereby submit our objections to this pending application, on these grounds:

1. The two buses, while parked, would further obstruct the outlook to the beach and sea for the ground floor occupants of Heritage Place immediately facing the proposed parking area. This follows the sizeable expansion of Princess Marina House which was approved by your department in 2002 notwithstanding 19 letters opposing that scheme for the similar reason: visual obstruction , and your department's reported discomfort with the height of the new building.
2. We are both ex-RAF personnel, born at and natives of Littlehampton and Rustington for the past 85 years. While empathetic with the original noble purpose of Princess Marina House, we are lately informed that their full-time residents are currently down to two elderly folk and that in due course the premises will be devoted to holiday makers and a respite facility for carers. To the extent that this change of purpose materialises, should your department not be more sensitive to the needs of its permanent taxpayers in the immediate area, than serving the interests of transient people ?
3. The expansion of the premises approved by your department in 2002 reduced their available parking spaces from 67 to 50. Thus, the present call for the expanded bus parking is essentially a problem of their own making.
4. At that time there was supposedly to be but one minibus. There are now two plus a large bus, despite the few residents there. One has to wonder why.
5. In Worthing, the authorities require coaches to be parked at the extreme western end of the sea front, not directly in front of properties for which their taxpaying residents have paid good money. This shows sensitivity to their populace and to the area generally. Might one expect such consideration from Arun D.C.'s planning authority ?
6. The highly-attractive lawn and flower-bed area between Princess Marina House and Broadmark Lane is a delight for all: locals and visitors alike, and is one of the few open garden features remaining along the coastline. The open area has also been a viewing site for aerial displays over the years, going back to Neville Duke's world speed-breaking Hawker Hunter flight in the early 50s and, more recently, Spitfire and Lancaster fly-pasts and such. The proposed parking of buses would block much of that viewing. The proposed sacrifice of this exquisite site and the resultant eyesore would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the locality in general.
7. Your planning folk might heed the message of two reflective songs from yesteryear: "Where have all the flowers gone?" and " Big Yellow Taxi", the refrain of which is " You don't know what you've got till it's gone....so put up a parking lot !"

Respectfully submitted,
Roy and Audrey Jenkins, Heritage Place