

Cllr. Kate Knight

BH2019/01272 – 1 Moulsecoomb Way

12th June 2019:

Comment Reasons:

- Because of the Additional Traffic
- Overdevelopment

Comment: As a councillor for the relevant ward, I have taken numerous sounding from residents. The majority view appears to be opposed to the development, and I take my steer from this. I have now attended two consultation meetings organised by the developers and one public meeting organised by the relevant Local Action Team. On each occasion, grave concerns were raised about the implications of so many cars coming into the area, which already struggles to cope with parking. It was very clear at the most recent meeting, that - aside from a suggestion that "green messaging" would be employed - the developers were unable to give any assurance at all, that the proposed development would be able to deliver on one of its most central commitments – namely to being car free. The resulting pressure on the surrounding roads would be intolerable and have a severely negative impact on the quality of life of the residents.

There is also understandable concern (and distress) amongst long term residents of the estate, that Moulsecoomb is in danger of ceasing to be a residential area for local families, and will simply become a satellite of the universities. This concern arises from the high number of students already now living in the area - in a variety of types of accommodation - and the impact that is having on the nature of community life and (as importantly) on school numbers.

