

Cllr. Samer Bagaeen
BH2020/00724 – 2 Dyke Close

12th March 2020:

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Good Design

Comment: I'll start with the easy one which is that it is unfortunate that of the tick list on this form, the only positive aspect we can support is good design. Everything else appears to be negative and the council has to revisit this list.

The second matter is that for a minor application such as this, in a close with a limited number of houses, I cannot accept as the local councillor (and a planner and surveyor) that we allow objectors to hide their names and addresses. This is out of line with other local authorities and I am aware that the Brighton Society has objected separately to the council.

The third and more important point is that this revised scheme, and I supported its predecessor, is in keeping with every other rebuild/redevelopment that happened in the close. It is perfectly in keeping with the houses around it and I do not see matters of restriction of views, boundary issues, height, or the impact on property value coming into play here. This scheme has my full support and it should go to committee if needed.

If it does go to committee, then I expect an audit of every single planning application approved in the close to go alongside it so that councillors can see how this proposal sits alongside the redevelopment and enlargement works that have been previously approved in the close. This scheme, in my view, is in keeping with extensions that the neighbouring properties have had done.

If anything, it is less harmful to the surrounding than some existing ones and I believe an audit prepared and presented to councillors will demonstrate this.

