

Cllr. Martin Osborne
BH2020/00018 – 19 Hollingdean Terrace

11th February 2020:

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Because of the Additional Traffic
- Overdevelopment
- Residential Amenity

Comment: I object to this application for a number of reasons.

- The loss of almost 1250 metre square of socially valuable space, which is a hub for the community and in particular for local arts and crafts, is unforgivable and something which we should all be working towards keeping rather than trying to 'smarten up'.
- There may be 168 square metres of office space which could be a place for additional full time employment but this doesn't recognise the volunteers or freelancers that use the site or the fact
- that currently the site is used during evenings and weekends, an opportunity which this application won't provide as a private residence.
- There is no proposed car parking spaces so if cars are used by the expected people living there, an increase of 1 house to 3 homes and a flat, or by the people employed there, this will exacerbate parking concerns, which are a significant issue in the local area. The same increase will cause additional traffic to and from the site and causing disruption to those living in this residential area and affecting their amenity.
- The whole foods grocery that runs out of the current development and which will be lost is a source of fresh foods and helps to provide the local community with a healthy alternative. It is also plastic-free and therefore environmental sustainable.

The site is of immense social value to the community and would be a huge loss for the community. I think there is some acceptance that improvements to the site can be made but this is overdevelopment and goes far beyond what may be acceptable. I note this application has already received a significant response from the local community, highlighting the feeling in the community and I would request that this application is brought forward to committee.

