

Dear Head of Planning

I wish to object most strongly to the variation of planning permission report referring to Whitehawk clinic site:

'The purpose of this report is to consider a request to vary one of the Heads of Terms of Section 106 Agreement dated 19 July 2018 in connection with planning permission BH2017/01665, as amended by BH2020/03619. This required the following:

40% affordable housing (8 units for affordable rent and 7 properties for shared ownership sale, comprising 5x one-bedroom units, 7x two bedroom units and 3x three-bedroom units.)'

It is most disappointing to see that yet again a developer is not intending to honour the pledge to provide 40% affordable housing. This is most alarming, particularly in an area that is desperately in need of more affordable housing. The viability report which the developer relied upon should not be accepted, it should be rejected. Further, it is questionable that the sum of £56, 664 could in any way compensate for the loss of dwellings which could benefit local people immeasurably.

The Whitehawk area and indeed the whole city is in the midst of a housing crisis. We must and should do all we can supply more affordable housing, not less.

Many thanks for your consideration

Best regards

Councillor Gill Williams
Labour spokesperson for housing
Chief whip
Representing East Brighton

Supported by Councillor Platts
Labour Councillor for East Brighton Ward

