

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Committee for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which the Chair will speak in response.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

**(i) Deputation concerning the Old Police Station, Portslade
Spokespersons – Mr. R. Amerena and Mr. D. Cameron**

The presentation on behalf of BHHC to the P & R Committee will be made jointly by
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THE OLD POLICE STATION, ST ANDREWS ROAD, PORTSLADE

The current plans to convert the Old Police Station in St Andrews Road, Portslade, into residential usage are a poor use of resources and offer bad value for money.

The historical features of the building complex with its iron cell doors and concrete World War II structures mean that it will be very expensive to convert the building into what will in the end be limited living space.

The BHHC offers an alternative vision in which the unique features of the Old Police Station are retained and restored, contributing to a heritage centre that reflects Portslade's unique character – quite separate from that of other parts of Brighton and Hove.

The space will be available for community use, and will contain a dedicated museum, an education centre, a resource centre, and an archive for local materials – much already promised from a variety of sources.

A heritage centre will benefit the local community in general, including residents, schoolchildren, and local associations. It will help to raise the profile of an area of Brighton and Hove much in need of regeneration.

There is already strong cross party support for this plan and Portslade-based community organisations are in agreement with local residents that the time is right for a focus on heritage in South Portslade - and the Old Police Station is in a plum position.

BHHC asks the Council to give the Commission and local community organisations a six month period in which to produce a fully costed proposal for setting up and running such a centre at the Old Police Station in Portslade.

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