2C, Southview Road
Southwick
Brighton
BN42 4TU
17 October 2017

Planning Ref :- AWDM/1331/17
for
2 Bedroom log cabin
by Southwick Community Church

Dear Marie O'Keeffe,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application. As it has been "amended" from 'temporary/non permanent' to 'for use as accommodation by key workers' I wish to comment. This is not a minor amendment !
What is the definition of a key worker !

When I moved here four years ago I thought I had moved next door to a church; NOT a commercial business. While I appreciate that they have to be financially viable I believe that their impact on the immediate neighbourhood has become negative.

ENVIRONMENT
The small wedge shaped piece of land submitted for the residential building is currently an attractive community garden, with trees, bushes and flowers which attract birds and a variety of wildlife. It was built to give the community somewhere peaceful to relax.

LOCATION/VISIBILITY
This log cabin will be wedged between fences and high buildings to south and west. The existing two church flats can't obtain a decent signal.
Unless land is excavated to build it at the church level the log cabin will be visible from Southview Road and also by everyone who uses the drive up to 4A to reach their back door.

DRAINAGE
If rain water is not disposed of into an underground pipe it will take a natural down slope course which could mean it running into my foundations or down above mentioned sloping drive out onto Southview Road.

FLOOD
Last year the floor in the original church building had to be dig out to a depth and replaced because of high water levels.
It is well known that there is a high water table in this area and many underground rivers.

PARKING
Most of the small terraced houses in Southview Road have now been converted into flats increasing street parking tensions.
You only need to look at their internet site to see the numerous activities that take place. They hire their rooms virtually every morning, afternoon and evening - nursery/play school, art class, gentle exercise, low impact aerobics, zumba (recent addition twice a week), brass band

practise, choir practise, other band practise, drum practise, youth club to name a few; some occur more than once a week. Additionally they hold concerts, barbeques, family activity days at weekends and their café is open every day. The activities aren't free !
An increase in classes has had a huge impact on parking in Southview Road as well as Roman Crescent, which is now parked up on both sides much of the day.
The application will just add to existing parking pressure. If the inhabitants of the log cabin park in the small church car park they will push other cars out onto the street.

It would be a lot more neighbourly if the church replaced their grassed area with more parking spaces.

CHURCH SPACE
The church already has two flats above the church which I imagine are rented out plus it has at least three large function/meeting rooms they hire out. I believe a key worker used to live in one of the flats.

NOISE
The above activities and flat(s) all generate noise which gets trapped in the narrow gulley in between the church and the large house to the west. I have to keep my windows closed during some sessions because of the noise/music coming from the main church building. Neighbours on the other side of the street comment on it.

Therefore I object to this planning application on all the above grounds plus I do not consider that the church needs 'MORE FUNCTIONAL SPACE'.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Urszula McCutcheon