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Subject: ref: AWDM/0082/26- Alterations to existing St Mary's Church Hall site, Shoreham.

To: Planning - <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

To Planning & Building Control, Adur & Worthing Councils, Worthing, BN11 1HA.

Dear Sirs,

Change to Existing Site of St Mary's Church Hall, 25 East St, Shoreham, West Sussex.

I write, as a neighbour, to comment on the proposals above for the above site which is visible from my rear ground floor flat window in New Road (the address & front of which flat is no. 402A, Brighton Road, Shoreham, West Sussex, BN43 6RF.

1. The majority of this site contains the grossly styled, industrial looking, existing obsolete church hall building which towers above the two storey small cottage dwellings on three sides of the development site;
2. The height of this gross outdated church hall building is equal to four storeys, plus pitched roof, intruding among adjoining cottage dwellings which are all two storeys;
3. The proposed dwellings, mostly in the New Street section of the site, do nothing to reduce the massive difference between the gross bulk and industrial style of this existing structure and its surrounding, dense, small cottage dwellings;
4. The plans do not show an adequately sized Parish Meeting Room/Community Hall. SIMPLY this proposal needs to show a REASONABLY SIZED CHURCH COMMUNITY Hall' accessed from East St. There is NO proper sized 'entrance hall', with space for weather purposes, reception, with a separately accessible, adequately sized 'Parish Office' important for a parish of this importance.
5. For this plan to be acceptable for a parish of this standing it needs to include one or two of the adjoining houses, in the New St section, to provide adequate space for administration, reception and meetings. (I have been to a medium sized Church meeting at St Marys before which was held in an extremely 'cold church').
6. This proposal is not acceptable mainly due to the awkward & poor reuse of the gross & gaunt, industrial looking bulk of this existing building, which has storey heights of approx. 12.00metres. This will not work in the very centre of this historic town. The type of houses proposed, with industrial style windows, with no parking & very poor external space, will be out of keeping with this location. They cannot be accepted, as proposed within this central, historic, church area of this town.

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