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Subject: Planning Ref AWDM/0954/25 Change of use to a large house multiple occupancy

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I have tried unsuccessfully to submit via the comments section on the planning website but keep encountering a "server error".

My objection to the application is based on a number of factors, that of design and use of the premises, but more importantly, the impact on the existing and surrounding community of residents.

The concern is that Marine Parade is not suitable for a HMO.

As it is, we have many issues with people using social housing in Rowlands Road, who spend their day and evening on the promenade and in the shelters and on the beach drinking and taking drugs.

At night-time, it is not pleasant to walk the dogs, and my 35-year-old daughter does not feel safe walking home at night.

With 24 people cohabiting in small, nigh on claustrophobic rooms, they will naturally spend time on the steps outside and the shelter opposite on the promenade, and it will become a very obvious, and unpleasant environment, not at all a good impression for Worthing.

Whilst I appreciate that not all occupants will be of that demographic, I'm sure a percentage will be.

There is also a severe shortage of parking spaces for residents, as we cannot park on the promenade side of the road, and whilst I doubt that possibly not too many "occupiers" will have transport, it is still an issue to consider.

The seafront along Marine Parade from Heene Terrace to the Lido comprises many fine grand buildings evoking a certain charm and character. It is simply not the right location for an HMO property, and if planning is given, it will bring about a rapid decline to one of Worthing's best assets.

Yours sincerely

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