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Planning Ref AWD/0954/25 Change of use to a large house multiple occupancy.

111 Marine Parade, Worthing

To whom it may concern

As residents of 100, Marine Parade we feel that this is absolutely not an appropriate change of use for this building.

1. Far too many people to be housed in one building. The capacity being 24 people is far too many to house in this space. Particularly if the residents are vulnerable, so many living in such close proximity will create a pressure cooker situation.

2. An area that is already under considerable social pressure. There are already many vulnerable people populating the 'West End' area of Worthing putting enormous pressure on the community; street drinking, drug taking and the anti social behaviour affecting the Cop on Rowlands Road are prime examples of this.

3. Sense of threat to women and girls. The drunken and drug - fuelled anti social behaviour that already plagues the seafront could increase greatly if there is an even larger number of troubled individuals in such a concentrated area of the town. Drunken and drug - fuelled behaviour from potentially greater numbers of residents all in one place will force women and girls to retreat further from our beautiful seafront. The **sense** of threat has a dramatic impact on the ability of women and girls to live in freedom.

4. Economic Impact. Negative impact on our growing tourist industry. The Travel Lodge, Premiere Inn and The Burlington have all been working really hard to help our tourist industry grow (along with The Whiskey Rooms, Signal Post, Malt etc etc.) We desperately need income from tourism in our town and negative reviews on Trip Advisor citing anti social and perceived (and actual) threatening behaviour will dampen business for all these fantastic tourist ventures. Marine View, as a guest house, should ideally have remained part of this really important tourism offer.

5. Parking This is already extremely difficult for residents as spaces are so restricted. The residents of an HMO may not be car owners but with 24 residents, this is a considerable potential problem.

Our seafront, West Worthing community already supports a large number of vulnerable and socially problematic people; Marine View should either contribute to our growing tourist industry or should become commercially valuable residential flats bringing more income and footfall to our part of Worthing which needs all support possible for its developing businesses and to support current residents.

Yours faithfully,

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