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Subject: Objection to Planning NOTICE/0025/25

To: Planning - <[planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk](mailto:planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk)>

Dear Rebekah Hincke,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application referenced NOTICE/0025/25, regarding the proposed change of use at 30 and 30A Lyndhurst Road and 40 Selden Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

This proposal will have a significant negative impact on the local community and surrounding area. Several properties nearby have already been converted into Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), and the continued loss of standard residential dwellings is steadily eroding both the social and economic balance of the neighbourhood.

The removal of conventional homes does not only displace long-term residents — it also contributes to a loss of business diversity in the area. When commercial premises and residential homes are repeatedly converted into high-occupancy or single-use housing, the result is a decline in local business variety, independent services, and mixed-use community spaces, reducing the opportunity for a thriving and socially connected high street.

With reduced permanent residents and fewer diverse businesses, the area faces a damaging cycle of:

Declining community sociability, weakening neighbourhood interaction and cohesion

Reduced support for local businesses, as short-term or transient occupants do not engage economically like stable households

Loss of business diversity, resulting in fewer independent shops, services, and varied commercial activity

Increased pressure on limited parking, waste services, and local infrastructure

Ongoing decline in the character, stability, and economic vibrancy of the neighbourhood

The neighbourhood is already experiencing the effects of over-conversion, including reduced foot traffic for local businesses and a noticeable decline in the social environment that once made the area attractive, welcoming, and commercially active. Approving further conversions of this kind will only accelerate the loss of business variety and weaken the economic sustainability of the entire area.

Planning decisions must consider not just the individual site, but also the cumulative impact on community wellbeing and local commerce. In this case, that cumulative impact is clearly harmful.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to reject this application in the interest of protecting long-term residents, encouraging business diversity, and preserving the long-term social and economic sustainability of the neighbourhood.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,

Sebastian Stinson

Local Resident and business owner, Lyndhurst Road