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OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION AWDM/1319/12
Part Demolition
Change of Use
Construction of 9 residential Units
Town Hall Chamber 45 -49 High Street, Shoreham by Sea

Dear Sirs,

The Environment

The Town Hall building is a unique structure in Shoreham and contains historical stain glass windows on the rear elevations. It is an icon in Shoreham High Street. The blight on this by removing the rear and adding a huge 5 storey cramped living accommodation of 9 residential units is an insult to the historical charm of Shoreham. The demolition of this should not be approved.

Change of Use

Shoreham needs places for the residents to work and by closing cheap rental office accommodation the businesses that use them will move elsewhere and the jobs will be lost for ever if allowed to change to housing units.

Housing

The mix of 8 x 1 bed units and 1 x 2 bed unit in such a confined space is based purely on profit and

not on a healthy environment to live, this a future slum in the making. The density is far too high. It should be limited to 3 x 2 bed units if allowed, using the existing shell.

Highway

The Council are planning drastic changes to parking policy in the town centre and there is already insufficient parking in the area to cope with any extra that these proposed residential units will bring. The area already suffers from a parking abuse with the garages opening into Town Quay being blocked regularly by vehicles whilst the owners shop in the high street, and traders delivering to the restaurants, and tradesmen carrying out work nearby. Another 9 vehicles looking for somewhere to park is a disaster in the making.

The proposed demolition/work on the rear of the building is likely to take several months perhaps over a year with the narrow Town Quay being blocked continually cutting off vehicular access to Town Quay Apartments and Riverside. This cul-de-sac is used daily by Refuse collection vehicles emptying the restaurants bins, and other delivery vehicles. Handicapped residents will be trapped in their homes or cut off from them.

Privacy

My privacy will be invaded if the proposed building goes ahead as planned windows will be directly facing my property on all levels. At the moment there are no windows which are used which overlook the property. At present when the office workers go home there is virtually no noise, but to be faced by 9 residential units in such a confined area you would expect a high noise level particularly in the warmer months when the windows are open and the court yard would exaggerate noise levels.

There has been no consultation from the developer prior to the planning application to any of the local residents.

Summary

I am strongly against any development which goes above the existing building height, damages the historically fabrication of Shoreham Old Town Hall, and takes away employment opportunity for the young from the Town Centre by changing the use of the building, whilst destroying my tranquil life style with the imposition of a high density accommodation in such a historical location within the town.

Yours faithfully



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