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Subject

Objection to Planning Application NOTICE/0025/25

Dear Rebekah Hincke,

I am contacting you as a concerned local resident to voice my strong opposition to planning proposal NOTICE/0025/25, for the property change at 30 and 30A Lyndhurst Road and 40 Selden Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

This neighbourhood is reaching a tipping point. More and more everyday homes are being replaced with HMO-style accommodation, and with every approval, the area loses another piece of what made it a true community rather than just a collection of temporary living spaces.

Alongside this, we are also seeing a worrying loss of commercial variety and local identity. When shops, business units, and standard residences are continually converted into one single type of housing, the area loses its mix of independent businesses, community services, and welcoming shared spaces. A street without variety is a street without resilience, and this proposal pushes us further toward that outcome.

The approval of this development will lead to:

Fewer long-term residents, and a collapse in everyday social connection

Lower participation in the local economy, as temporary occupants do not invest in the area

A further reduction in local business choice, creativity, and investment

More pressure on already stretched parking, bin collection, and public services

A faster decline in the spirit, character, and economic health of the neighbourhood

We are already feeling these effects — quieter streets, fewer customers for local shops, less interaction between neighbours, and a shrinking range of local businesses. Allowing more conversions like this will only deepen the damage.

Planning decisions must protect communities, not slowly dismantle them through repeated over-conversion. In this case, the broader impact on residents and local commerce is clearly negative and unsustainable.

I urge the Council to reject this proposal and instead prioritise a healthier balance of stable homes and diverse local businesses that serve the people who actually live here.

Thank you for considering the voices of those who care about this area's future.

Kind regards,

Jade Stinson

Worthing Local Resident