ADUR DISTRICT CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

REPORT

AWDM/0281/18 – Europa House, Southwick Square – parking spaces on side of Office Block facing Southwick Green

Bearing in mind the exact location of the proposed parking spaces which would traverse across a pavement which is heavily used by pedestrians gaining access/egress to Southwick Square from the Green & in particular, children and parents leaving the well used playground, members feel that to permit vehicles to park on this site will create a dangerous situation which would involve serious injury.

There has in the past, been may requests for a pedestrian crossing to be provided either on this site or the adjacent corner to the South. However, after detailed consultation with both the highways authorities and the Police, such requests were denied in view of the serious risks to pedestrians.

Until recently, Southwick Square was designed as a "no through road" in order to lessen the traffic movements to & from the Western end. However, approximately 2-3 years ago there appears to have been a change in the said regulation whereby the traffic signs denoting "no through road" were removed which has resulted in increased traffic movements in the area, particularly as a result of motorists trying to avoid the A.259 which at peak hours is heavily trafficked.

Currently in the proposed area there are two attractive flower beds facing the Green which softens the visual impact of the office block. To permit a row of 7 parked vehicles on the site would set a dangerous precedent whereby other areas around the Green would be tempted to do likewise which would impact on this attractive conservation area which lies in the heart of this small historic town.

The original development of Southwick Square & the residential provision to the South received architectural awards on completion in addition to which both Southwick U.D.C. & latterly, Adur D.C. conformed to the original design whereby the Southwick Square car park was free for one hour per vehicle. Sadly in recent times Adur D.C. imposed parking charges, hence the under use of this car park.

Previous tenant companies who have occupied Europa House did not suffer any problems with either parking or gaining access to these offices. There is the above mentioned public car park which as stated, is underused, plus a main line railway station within a mere 5 minutes walk, plus at least two bus routes from both the East & the West with stops in the actual Square & 2-3 minutes walk, South of the Green.

In view of the foregoing the Group's members unanimously agreed to recommend **REFUSAL**

AWDM/0402/18 – Britannia House, High St., Shoreham

Members concur that there would be little or no demand for student accommodation on this site, there being no local universities or colleges in the area.

Members recommend **APPROVE**

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Chairman.