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Dear Sir

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION AWDM/0954/25
CHANGE OF USE FROM GUEST HOUSE TO HMO
MARINE VIEW 111 Marine Parade Worthing West Sussex

The council have omitted to inform all the properties and households of the plans to change Marine View into an HMO with 14 bedrooms and 24 tenants.

Was this by fault or design that we, who would be directly affected by this massive change to this normal quiet and peaceful area where we reside were not informed in any shape or form by our local Council.

I believe this is totally wrong on Worthing Council's part.

Luckily, a kind and concerned neighbour took the trouble to post a note through our door, laying out what is proposed to happen. The fact that the cut off date for objections was just one week before the closure, is absolutely ludicrous.

The council's procedure in terms of notifying all people who this change will affect has not been followed in my view. This date should be extended, so everyone has the same opportunity and time to express their viewpoint on this matter,

Western Row has a population majority of elderly people, who enjoy their peace and relative quiet. In the past with a previous HMO on the corner or Western

Place, we had been subject to all sorts of problems by the residents of this HMO, who acted as if it was their right to cause havoc by trying to intimidate and scare people with aggression and threats. One of my previous neighbours described events; "it was like a war zone", on one particular occasion, when a neighbour was surrounded by a group of youths with bricks. Furthermore there are already a number of HMO's in this area.

I know no one can foresee what the residents will be like and I do not like to presume anything in terms of whether they are decent, respectful, law abiding, hardworking, clean and honest people.

One of the foulest things we who live in Brunswick Cottages have to deal with in the twittens behind MV and along the back of Brunswick Cottages is persons using these public areas as a latrine

We have experienced a lot of drug dealing and drug taking over the years with unsavoury characters drinking, smoking and causing disturbance with their anti-social behaviour.

If the plan is to house 24 people into 14 rooms, which will theoretically be bedsits, unless there are massive changes to the building. How many bathrooms will there be to accommodate so many individuals? If there is a lack of adequate facilities for all the people in this HMO, what do you think will happen!

Again this will cause massive problems and discontentment, as it will disrupt the living conditions for everyone in this area. If the HMO residents do not work or can not work. They will become bored with nothing to do and this will potentially cause disruption to the relative peace and quiet to our lovely homes and area.

Living in a conservation area, we are expected to abide by certain rules and standards. Who is going to be making sure that the residents of the HMO will respect and be respectful of this area.

We suffer from littering in front of our homes, alleyways and surrounding area. In the past particularly during Covid, we suffered noise disturbances with multiple people using the fire escape as their own outdoor space throughout the day and night on their mobile phones at length and volume without consideration for others.

Worthing Seafront, I believe, is one of the best sea side areas, particularly along Marine Parade. The properties are well cared for, looked after and kept clean, neat and tidy. Really respectful!

Who would want to visit this town, to see people sitting on the doorsteps hanging around the front of the building, drinking, smoking, and behaving in an anti-social way. This will create an unkempt and uncared for picture, as a visitor I would not see this as an inviting sight, rather the reverse.

Neighbours and friends should not feel wary, scared or reluctant to go out or walk home alone for fear of potential violence or attacks from anyone. People should not be worried about violence, abuse or victimisation.

I have lived in Western Row for 11 years. I moved here from London. I am British Born, Black Caribbean and I am fully aware of all the problems and issues which may occur being different. But living here within the Brunswick Cottages, Western Row, Edinburgh Cottages area, I have found it to be a lovely mixture of really wonderful people living here and one thing we all have in common is we all look out for and after one another, and embrace each other. It has the most beautiful community spirit that I have ever known. Ever!

So whilst I understand that sometimes change is progressive and productive, personally I cannot see how a house with 14 bedsits accommodating 24 people, with limited facilities can be good for anyone, including the residents.

Has anyone considered the ramifications of this proposal, noise nuisance? parking? rubbish bins? Lack of things to do? Loitering, drugs, anti-social behaviour?

Also we should not have this foisted onto us in our latter and declining years, we all want to live peacefully and happily without problem tenants and residences disturbing our home life.

Worthing Council really needs to step up and think about putting the Pride back into Worthing, particularly when it comes to the seafront. The seafront is like the face of the town. Worthing Council should be committed to improving the town face and how Worthing is perceived, it should guarantee that it is a progressive

town and are proud to show all sides its face with unimaginable beautiful representation and positivity, not with a lack of care and a lax do not care attitude.

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