

8th August 2012 Planning Committee – Late list

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17	The Level, Ditchling Road	BH2012/01598	<p>Four (4) further letters of representation have been received from 44 Baden Road, an unknown address, 7 South Avenue & 90 Fairfax Rd (Teddington) <u>supporting</u> the application for the following reasons:</p> <p>The Level Skatepark has been a pioneering, influential and productive environment of its time. Brighton has many sub-cultures, which attract people, including the Skatepark for people of Brighton and tourists/visitors. BMX and skating is as much part of Brighton community and culture as is bohemian art. A Council decision not to replace the Skatepark would look terrible in light of its relations with the BHSA, along with the detrimental effect on the majority of youths who do not participate in mainstream sports. With extreme sports featuring the Olympic Games for the first time this year it would be tragic to lose another Park close to London where BMX riders are prevalent. Even Brighton University have a BMX sports club.</p> <p>These facilities are important. Extreme sports are time-consuming and can play a huge part in a life. Apathy and stagnation is an endemic problem for the young generation. These sports act as a vent for all frustrations of life, whilst remaining fun and social, and can teach people how to become disciplined and motivated. Improving these facilities is an opportunity for local residents, as well as those further afield to take up such activities, giving them opportunity to improve their lives, youths and adults alike.</p> <p>A further third letter of representation has been circulated to Members of Planning Committee from 4 Park Crescent. To summarise, the letter details the individual's circumstances, campaigning to have the Skatepark rebuilt on its existing site. It also includes issues about the consultation not shown in any of the papers submitted for the Skatepark application. The letter passes on information from the HLF, questions whether a build in the southern end could be considered as an alternative, concluding with comments and questions including whether this is a destination Skatepark, what inequality issues have been considered, health & safety issues and why none of the recommendations in the noise assessment report have made it on to the plans and why the 3-point noise assessment has not been conducted properly. In addition, there is a specific reference to a Town Green Application put in December 2011 and questions whether Councillors and contacted parties were aware of the application. Stating that the people involved represent a small sample</p>

			<p>of the community and their views should not be ignored and that the application was rejected on technical grounds and sits on hold as significant financial help to pay for required legal advice.</p> <p>Officer response: An application for Town Green status has been previously considered and rejected under separate legislation.</p> <p>Letter (address not given) received reminding Council of its duty under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard, inter alia, to eliminating discrimination and advancing equality of opportunity in carrying out its functions.</p> <p>Officer response: The Council's Senior Solicitor (Planning) has advised that the determination of the application does not breach the public sector equality duty contained within the Equality Act 2010.</p>
113	8 & 8A Western Street	BH2012/01358	<p>Three (3) additional representations have been received from 45 Bowen Court, 31-35 The Drive, Basement Flat, 29 Cambridge Road and one letter via the clinic in Eastern Road from existing clients. They have stated that, as users of the Rock Clinic, they <u>support</u> the application. It provides much needed services for people on low incomes with professional staff and it makes sense for them to have another building in the west of the city.</p> <p>MP Caroline Lucas <u>supports</u> the application as its patron. She comments that the clinic is an excellent charity that benefits the community by offering low cost counselling. She has been assured by the clinic that they are willing to respond to issues raised by local residents. She is also pleased to hear of statements of support from people living close to the existing clinic. It is hoped the planning office is able to work with Association to ensure this valuable service can be extended to the west of the city.</p> <p>Section 8.2 of the report states that the address of the existing clinic is 279 Eastern Road, Brighton. The correct address is 270 Eastern Road.</p>

NB. Representations received after midday the Friday before the date of the Committee meeting will not be reported (Sub-Committee resolution of 23 February 2005).