Brighton & Hove City Council

PLANNING COMMITTEE LIST
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 9th August 2017

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Dear Planning,

I wish that the above application is determined by the Planning committee and my request is that it is refused on the following grounds:
This situation has been going on now for four years now and I need to stress that any development on this very cramped site would have a serious impact on nearby residents.
The proposed development site is extremely narrow and would have impact severely on the privacy of both residents in Rowan Close and Hillcourt Mews
I am concerned that the boundary line shown on the developer's plans are not correct in terms of the forecourts on Hillcourt Mews.
This would be a significant overdevelopment in an area where there is already a new build (Hillcourt Mews).
There have already been significant problems with resident's homes in terms in terms of damage caused by lorries and construction during the Hillcourt Mews development.
One resident had a survey done on the house she was buying in Mile Oak Rd which showed potential damage to the foundations of the house.
There appears to be no room for further screening of properties in terms of trees and hedges.
There is a small amount there at the moment which I presume will be left in situ but it is difficult to see how more could be planted. This therefore leaves both Rowan Close and Hillcourt Mews' in full view of the new development.
The first floor landing line shown on the plans for 2-4 Rowan close appears to show that the proposed development will be well above the line of sight of residents' bedrooms.
What I would also say is that this is having a very negative impact on the mental health of the residents who live either side of this site.
The constant fear that the developer will just keep submitting applications with the obvious potential to significantly affect their quality of life is a psychological "sword of Damocles" hovering over the mental wellbeing of these residents.

Regards

Cllr Peter Atkinson