

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cllr Lizzie Deane
BH2018/02607 Greater Brighton Metropolitan College

I write in my capacity of ward councillor in support of local residents and their objections to certain elements of this application.

First of all, I would like to object to the fact that this application contains no provision for affordable housing. Should the Committee be minded to grant this application, I would ask that an allocation of affordable housing be made a condition in accordance with the council's City Plan.

Secondly, I note that there is no provision for S106 monies. I would ask that, should this application be granted, S106 be made a condition. I note that there have been comments on a lack of public realm amenity within the proposed development and would suggest that some S106 monies be put to this purpose.

Thirdly, residents have voiced concerns over general security around the perimeter of the site and the three entrances, in particular that leading to and from Whitecross Street.

There are concerns that antisocial behaviour occurring on the site will be managed by the college security, but will be displaced to areas in close vicinity to the college, and could become hotspots for street drinking and associated crime.

Fourthly, I note that the staircase that had been a controversial point in the previous application has been moved a few metres to the north and will be gated. However I would wish the committee to be reassured that Sussex Police and Community Safety are fully satisfied with this arrangement so that no area of the college will act as a magnet for antisocial behaviour and thereby create nuisance to nearby residents.

Overall, the local community has broadly welcomed the fact that this application has gone some way in addressing previous concerns. However I would ask that the remaining concerns as listed above be taken into consideration and also addressed prior to any approval being granted.

