

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cllr. Nick Taylor  
Councillor for Withdean

BH2018/02404 - Varndean College

I write as the local ward councillor representing residents of Withdean ward objecting to the above planning application.

Local residents have expressed their concerns about the excessive bulk of the new building and the building on an increasingly dense site with resultant loss of green space.

Whilst there is strong support from the community for excellent STEM education facilities - and in which I as a former student of the college wholeheartedly support such improved facilities - I do also ask that the designs are more in keeping with the local neighbourhood and the college. Given the college's position on a hill any potential development on this space can be visible for neighbours. I consequently believe that the above factors are contrary to the City Plan.

I therefore request that should the officer recommendation be to grant or minded to grant that this matter is referred to the Planning Committee and I reserve my right to speak at that meeting.

