

**Planning Application - BH2017/00492**

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I support the planning application

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**Comment**

As a ward councillor, I support the application in general terms. Preston Barracks has been unused for many years and the city needs to make use of this key space to provide much-needed housing and business space.

I support the provision for student housing on this site, alongside general and affordable housing which is in line with our policy and will help to address the chronic shortage of purpose-built student housing for University of Brighton students. It will also alleviate some of the pressure on our residential areas which is leading to over-development of HMOs.

I think it's very important, though, that the general housing on this site is specifically protected from being used for student accommodation. I think there needs to be a specific prohibition on this as a condition of the development, otherwise experience elsewhere suggests that we will find student shared housing cropping up in the general housing provision which is not what it is for.

I support the use of tall buildings in this location to maximise the use of space. But it needs to be recognised that this will impact on local residents in terms of making the area much more built-up, and as part of the development there should be requirements to ensure that there is good quality provision for open spaces and leisure facilities to offset the negative impacts. There will also be an impact on traffic along the Lewes Road, and alongside every effort being made to promote sustainable travel, we should expect some investment in transport infrastructure to ease congestion as much as possible.

This is a major development and I would expect to see the highest possible standards in terms of sustainable building in order to minimise carbon emissions and bills, as well as environmental impact from the building itself and support of the natural environment.

I have encouraged all residents to make comments on the application, whether positive or negative. I would like to ensure that all comments are listened to and taken into account. If things need to be reconsidered in response to residents, then I will support that happening.

