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Dear Ms Gough,

Application RR/2020/155 Erection of 4 Storey Commercial and Residential Building incorporating A1 Use and 6 Self Contained Flats 2A Sackville Road Bexhill on Sea

This proposal is causing us some concern and although we are not able to view the site from the rear it does seem to represent an overdevelopment by reason of its bulk and height and on that basis we object to it. Furthermore the front elevation drawing displays a lamentable lack of detail for such an important site in the Conservation area.

We are aware of the previous history of the site and in particular the application which has just expired. We noted that the previous permissions were heavily conditioned regarding materials and details and that the front elevation showed a significant increase in ridge height from the earlier 2011 permission, the ridge height of which aligned with the existing buildings to the south. The 2016 application with a significant higher ridge line seemed from a reading of the Officers report to be only just acceptable, we would say it was unacceptable as indeed we find with the present proposal.

If permission is to be granted we strongly recommend, in relation to the front elevation, that full details of the windows, reveals and any detailing intended around should be included in the current plans rather than left to conditions. If UPVC windows are to be accepted then the highest quality possible should be specified such as those recently installed, with permission, on the sea front at 11, Lancaster Court under reference RR/2018/972. Here Roseview windows were successfully installed at Flats 1 and 2 and a condition was imposed requiring their use.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David Beales'.

Planning Consultant to Bexhill Heritage