



MONITORING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

April 2015

Planning ref (and hyperlink)	Address	Proposal	Comment	Comments by	Decision date	Follow-up?
w/e 3 April 2015						
BH2015/00746	Sainsbury's 361-367 Old Shoreham Road, Hove Location - map link	Erection of single storey building in existing car park to create 2 units comprising - dental surgery (D1) and education facility (D1). With associated relocation of recycling area and alterations to car parking.	Of interest. Proposal to build two potentially useful facilities at southern end of car park. Unexceptional design, no further impoverishment of visual amenity. Some reduction of the existing over-provision of parking spaces.	23 April	18 May	
BH2015/00691	Martello House 315 Portland Road Hove Location - map link	External alterations to all elevations, including to layout of doors and windows, installation of french-doors, balconies and new entrance door and other associated works - in association with prior approval granted for change of use from offices (B1) to 28 residential units (C3).	Proposed works associated with conversion (given prior approval) from office block to flats. The proposals work within the constraints of the structure's existing grim elevations - but should achieve reasonable improvement of visual amenity. Design statement	23 April	19 May	
w/e 10 April						
BH2015/00491	Victoria Gardens and St Peters Church area, Brighton Location - map link	Major landscaping and reconfiguration works (updated application). Heap of documents	The recent conclusion of the Conservation Advisory Group was to recommend rejection. A key concern is the lack of consideration of longer vistas, particularly of St Peter's church from the south; and also of the architectural heritage on the E & W sides of this large area.	30 April	29 June	

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			The resources being made available to improve this important area of the City are an extremely welcome opportunity. But a stronger input of architectural vision is needed, in order to make the most of this opportunity.			
w/e 17 April						
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w/e 24 April						
BH2015/01066	27 Palmeira Avenue Hove Location - map link	Demolition of existing building and erection of new residential building, containing 4 one-bed and two-bed maisonettes and 4 one-bed and two-bed flats, with associated landscaping and cycle storage.	Revised application following previous refusal, on grounds of bulk of development in its surroundings and sub-par living standards. New application claims to have reduced bulk and to now meet Lifetime Homes requirements. Planning statement	7 May	11 June	
BH2015/00882	Bedford Towers Kings Road, Brighton Location - map link	Installation of white render to all elevations to 137 Kings Road and Bedford Towers. Alterations to 137 Kings Road, including erection of new entrance canopy to replace existing, installation of glazed balustrading to front entrance, alterations to fenestration, and associated works.	The proposal is for some remodelling and, especially, a white rendering for this large, dull and ugly 1960s building mass. Potentially there could be a significant visual improvement - if in practice the effect looked like the illustration on p.12 of design statement (see link below). In principle this is a welcome makeover, in the context of this important area of seafront and the arrival of the i360. Design statement	7 May	9 June	