

The Fisherman's Beach Association

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Dear Beach Supporter,

Please give your help to stopping yet another ugly 4 Storey Concrete Block

Following our successful campaign to stop the building of a 4 Storey Block on the approach road close to the Lifeboat House and Griggs fish shop, the Council is now formally supporting the second application Y17/1066 to demolish and build on the Scout Hut against which over two hundred of us signed letters of objection on the day of the recent Sponsored Walk to Prince's Parade.

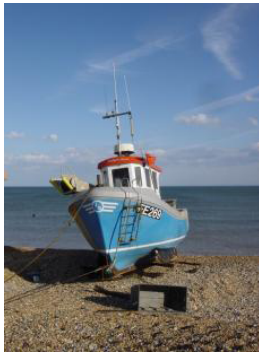
It would result in another equally large block with understory car parking on the corner of the Beach approach road and Range Road. The Council expects us to believe that the reasons for refusing the last one don't apply to this less than forty yards away.

With the apartment blocks nearing completion only five or six paces opposite it would form the entrance to a concrete canyon blocking out the sunlight from the bungalows in Range Road and drastically changing the setting, the atmosphere and the view of the listed Lifeboat Houses and the Beach.

We cannot allow the planners to continue degrading and burying our Beach under an estate of ugly semi high-rise apartments, so please demonstrate your anger and displeasure by joining us at 6.45pm at the Civic Centre next Tuesday 28th when the Development Control (Planning) Committee will decide the application.

If you can, please repeat your objections by email to Shepway Councillors before Tuesday whose email addresses all appear on the SDC website.

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Dear Councillor,

Planning Application Y17/1066/SH

Before long Shepway will have lost most of the heritage assets, historic settings and physical features that have made it both an attractive place in which to live and to visit for holidays and weekends.

These are disappearing through ill-conceived and extremely short-sighted planning decisions eroding our capacity to benefit from the tourism that once upon a time even had a dedicated department to promote it.

The prized income once generated from tourism is disappearing fast.

The ugly, overbearing concrete development at Fisherman's Beach is a stark reminder of where recent planning decisions have led us. Our Council has and is continuing to exchange growing and long term financial and community benefits that arise from a unique history, buildings, countryside and sea shore for one-off very short term cash receipts from housing developments that fail to benefit local people who cannot compete with incomers from Southeast and Greater London. .

The term 'Selling the family silver' springs to mind.

Before deciding whether to inflict yet further damage to this unique place by approving application 1066 please give careful consideration to these points.

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