

# Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum

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Brighton and Hove City Council  
Planning Committee  
Hove Town Hall  
Hove BN3 3BQ

By email to [planning.applications@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

**Re: Black Rock Site and Surroundings**  
**Application number: BH2020/00442**

Dear Councillors

The Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum has been invited to comment on the above referenced application. At present the forum is still preparing a neighbourhood plan and as such is barred by our constitution from either supporting or objecting, to any planning application. This letter therefore must not be taken either as supporting or objecting to this application.

The Steering Group of the forum did however attend the community engagement exhibition and provided comments in response to this to the development team.

We do have a clear vision and set of objectives for our forum (appended to this letter) which were developed based on wide consultation in our community.

In the spirit of community planning, we urge your Committee to use our Neighbourhood Vision and objectives as a template against which to judge this application, in order that the Marina community's needs and aspirations are considered in making your decision.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Knight  
Chair of Steering Group  
Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum.

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## Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum Vision Statement.

We want Brighton Marina to be developed in a way that realises the full potential of this special place by the sea for residents, workers and visitors.

Our shared aim for Brighton Marina is that future development of the Marina fulfils the objectives of supporting high quality of life, sustainability, connectedness and being a highly-valued asset. A place where residents, tourists and businesses all thrive.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

#### High Quality of Life:

- A positive choice as a feel-good place to live, work and visit.
- Public spaces and facilities that are enjoyable places to be.
- Making the most of our location on the coast and by the sea.

#### Sustainability:

- Economically sustainable. A mix of residential and commercial premises and property uses that are always in demand, maximising numbers of people in the Marina throughout the year.
- Environmentally sustainable. Aiming to have a positive effect on the natural environment and marine wildlife, and to minimise negative impacts.
- Future sustainable. Able to respond to changing requirements and demand to provide a significant contribution to the City's need for homes, workplaces and leisure space.

#### Connectedness:

- Connected within itself. Development plans must bring stakeholders together to make a cohesive and enjoyable place for individual employees, residents, berth holders and visitors.
- Connected to the city. Joined up transport links and welcoming entrances for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and boats.
- Development should make the Marina better and easier for pedestrians to get around.
- Residents across long-standing and new developments have a great sense of community, respect and shared interests and work together to build a collective sense of pride and belonging.
- Represented in the city by being an electoral ward.

#### A Valuable Asset

- Valued as a unique part of the city. Brighton's marina and the City's access to the sea. The UK's largest marina.
- Valued for quality of management.
- Valued in the city and region for its positive environmental and economic contribution.

Vision Statement adopted at the Forum Steering Group Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, following consultation at the Annual General Meeting of the Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.