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Planning Department
Folkestone & Hythe District Council
Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue,
Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

10/02/25

Attached is my objection to Application Number
24/1914/FH

The email objection sent by me has been edited after sending and
shortened in length. I am now sending this by hand.

Yours faithfully

Paul Lilly

Application Number
24/1914/FH

The location has made no reference to the boundary of the property owned by us nor has it been mentioned within the plans.

I consider it to be a failure by the planning department not to have taken into account the fragile nature or the very steep angle of the cliff which falls within a conservation area and above which the disused toilet is located.

Clear evidence of the fragility of the land is seen historically by:

- a) the replacement of the original concrete Metropole steps by wooden ones due to land movement.
- b) the closing of the Cow Path due to land subsidence.
- c) the closing of Rememberance Road due to a landslip.
- d) a landslip that occurred on the Riviera resulting in a road closure.

The pre-planning meeting regarding this application took place 19th August 2022.

All events have taken place along the edge of the very same cliff directly above our home. With the more frequent storms that batter the cliff it has become a constant challenge to deal with the landslips that occur within our property.

I read that Folkestone suffered at least eight landslips during 2024 alone, with the popular coastal park and several paths cordoned off.

A question, has the planning department been diligent enough in view of the increased risk of the cliff failure to consider the potential outcome of, rather than the collapse of an unused convenience, a

cafe full of patrons perched in such close proximity to the edge of the cliff?

The boundary fence, paid for at our cost, is there to deter people from venturing onto our land and has been vandalised several times. It runs alongside the pathway in front of the proposed cafe and approximately ten feet from of our property.

The concept of families with children playing whilst the parent/carer enjoys a coffee might sound idyllic... perhaps less so when an inquisitive unsupervised child decides to venture onto our land

Paul Lilly

COVER LETTER IS ATTACHED