

Individual Planning Applications

FCRA Policy and Advice

As a generalisation, FCRA may seek to engage in planning applications that are large in scale or scope, and where there is risk to significantly affect the overall character of the Friars Cliff area. However, FCRA will not seek to actively engage in smaller/individual applications as it can potentially add to conflict between opposing residents and the wider representation of FCRA members.

That said, FCRA does offer generalised advice to any resident who wishes to object to a planning application through the following:

- Decide on whether or not to object well before the Local Planning Authority decision date
- Mobilise as many residents as possible in your vicinity to seek opinions and maximise the number of objections
- Object primarily on the grounds of planning regulation specifics and not emotive opinions as these carry less sway with the planning authority. The FCRA committee (EnquiriesFCRA@gmail.com) can provide advice on this based on previous experience but in a limited and non-professional capacity
- Request the application be 'called in' to the Planning Committee. This is done through a local councillor
- Should the application come to a committee decision then an objector can either attend in person to speak for 5 minutes (after requesting to do so), or can send in a statement of objection for the planning clerk to read it out at the meeting. This should be limited to 450 words.