

**Explore Living Planning Application – PUBLIC INQUIRY
UPDATE NO 3 – OCTOBER 2009**

ACT NOW - TOMORROW IS TOO LATE – LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Dear Resident

The purpose of this update is to let you know what has happened so far, how the Brighton Marina Residents' Association (BMRA) has taken matters forward and what YOU can do.

THE EXPLORE APPLICATION – A QUICK REMINDER

Explore are proposing 1,301 flats at the Western End of the Marina on top of Asda, Asda Petrol Station, MacDonalds, The Admin Building and at the Western Breakwater looking toward Palace Pier.

Explore are proposing to demolish parts of the Multi-Storey Car Park and also to replace the roundabout with a Squarabout/shared space. Also they wish to put a bus station along the Strand.

The buildings are up to 28 storeys in height and all are above cliff height.

YOU CAN SPEAK AT THE INQUIRY.

Did you know you can speak at the Inquiry? This is in addition to the BMRA as an official party.

So far as an organisation we have presented our statement of case, submitted our substantial written 'proof of evidence' to the Inspector. We have attended the pre-inquiry meeting. The documents submitted have been quite an undertaking especially without any formal legal advice. If you wish to see copies of these documents please contact Peter Martin by e-mail: bubimartin@aol.com.

We will formally present our case, as an Association, in the second week of the inquiry. Peter Martin, has this dubious honour as Chairman.

However YOU can also speak and make YOUR POINT and views known about this Explore Application.

YOU HAVE A VOICE AND THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What ever your views about this development - if it were to proceed - it will dramatically change the look and feel of the Marina for many years to come. Your quality of life will be affected.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK

All you need do is either

- register your interest to speak, in person, on the first day of the Inquiry – 3rd November

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- or you can e-mail sue.dubberley@brighton-hove.gov.uk and say who you are, give your contact details and say you wish to speak at the Inquiry. You must do this by 3rd November at the latest.

The Inquiry is being held in the East Wing of the Brighton Centre – so is local and easy to get to by the No 7 bus.

You will then be contacted to say when you will be given the opportunity to make your point. You may wish to ask for an evening session if you work!

THE INQUIRY TIMETABLE

The Inquiry itself is to take place at the Brighton Centre over quite an extended period as follows:

3 - 6 November 2009
10 – 13 November 2009
17 – 20 November 2009
24 – 25 November 2009
1 – 4 December 2009
8 – 9 December 2009

It is our understanding the Council will present their case in the first week as to why they refused this application and that this appeal should be dismissed.

In the second week the local groups such as the BMRA, Kemp Town Society, Marine Gate Action Group, SaveBrighton will submit their case as to why this application should be refused and this appeal dismissed.

Explore Living will then present their reasons for their appeal over a period of several weeks.

It is a Public Inquiry – so you can come and observe the proceedings.

PETITION OF 4,793

A petition was organised locally urging the Inspector to dismiss the Appeal by Explore Living. This was signed by **4,793** individuals. This shows the strength and depth of feeling about the Marina. This is a massive number.

Brighton Marina and Cliff Height Restriction

We have also discovered at the Brighton Museum, the following information leaflet published by the Brighton Marina Co in July 1974.

Front page - "Here are some facts the Brighton Marina Company would wish to be made known concerning the main aspects of the Marina"

Page 3 " "The **Height of the Buildings**.....designed within the height limit imposed by the 1968

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Brighton Marina Act and which cannot on any account be exceeded. This requires no buildings be higher than the cliff."

Public Meeting – SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 10.30am Master Mariner

A Public Meeting will be held at the Master Mariner on Sunday 25 October 10.30am to update you on what has happened so far and what is to occur. This is your chance to be informed.

**Peter Martin
Chairman – Brighton Marina Residents' Association**

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