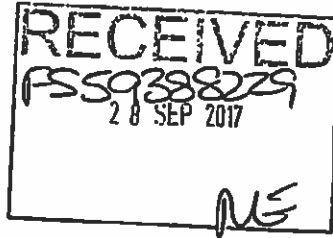


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Dear Sir

Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123(2A) Proposed Sale of Public Open Space

Whilst acknowledging the Borough Council's wish to bolster the Council's coffers, the implications of selling for development part of the public open space at Royal Albert Drive are too high a price to pay. I object to the sale on the following grounds.

1. Royal Albert Drive is part of the sea-front route from the South Toll House to Peasholm Gap. It is also part of Scarborough's North Bay Heritage Trail. This scenic route, popular with motorists and pedestrians alike, is one of the features which add to the popularity of Scarborough as a resort, and the cliff-backed open space on the landward side of the road makes a significant contribution to its scenic qualities. A large building on the land proposed to be sold would, however well designed, be an unwelcome intrusion in this natural setting.
2. Views of the sea and coast which also add to Scarborough's attractions can be enjoyed from points along Queen's Parade and the cliff top path between the Norbreck Hotel and Mulgrave Place. Often photographed, these outstanding views would be spoilt by the intervention of buildings wholly inappropriate in that setting.
3. The loss of ½ acre of flat public open space in this location would be a serious loss of amenity and preclude its use for outdoor activities and/or small development customarily found in public open spaces. Furthermore the urbanisation of this area by the introduction of residential units as has been proposed would be wholly inappropriate and would have a seriously detrimental effect on the amenity value of the adjoining areas of public open space.

Yours faithfully