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Re:

Compulsory Purchase Order by North Norfolk District Council

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Regarding the former Shannoeks Hotel, 1 High Street, Sheringham NR28 8JP

I wish to object to the above CPO on the grounds that the authority's plan for the site will have an adverse effect on residents of and visitors to the seaside holiday town of Sheringham. The Council intends to demolish the disused hotel and build apartments with ground floor shops, plus other shops at the current entrance to a beachfront car park, known as the Chequers Car Park. The remainder of the car park would be enclosed and reserved exclusively for the residents of the new housing accommodation. The objection concerns the car park and the additional shops rather than the demolition of the hotel itself. The car park is well used, especially during the holiday season and at weekends, and is particularly useful for elderly and disabled visitors as it is directly by the seafront. The Council contends that there is another car park nearby, but that enjoys no direct access to the beach, and as far as leaving or returning to that car park by foot is concerned, that will mean traversing a steep hill or climbing/descending stairs, which will be of no use to less able people. Many able-bodied tourists are also attracted to the car park as they can drive right up to the seafront, pay and go to the beach with the family. Residents also use it via annual permits. Looking at old maps and photographs, what is now the car park has never had buildings on it - it was a communal area for the original fishing community that founded Sheringham as we know it, where they mended nets and socialised.

Furthermore, the shops proposed within the current perimeter of the Chequers Car Park will block the sea view from six very old fishermen's cottages. Some of the cottages are holiday lets advertised as having sea views. If that view is occluded it will have an impact on tourist businesses,

The hotel in question is an eyesore and the site should be redeveloped, all are agreed, but not at the expense of the public car park that is of great importance to Sheringham's tourist trade. Local business-owners I know also believe the loss of the car park would damage trade, which is already struggling, with several tourism-orientated shops closed down. The owners of the hotel maintain that they intend to go ahead with their own redevelopment plans, which would retain the public car park, so I would hope for an outcome in which that would come to pass.

Thank you for your attention,