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The Regency Square Area Society stands together with twelve other Brighton groups opposed to the Brighton Gasworks proposals. Our Joint Open Statement is found at <https://www.brightongasworks.org/joint-statement>

## **Brighton Gasworks Redevelopment Regency Square Area Society response to second public consultation**

- Please go back to the drawing board to deliver a high density **low-rise** alternative proposal. One in which over-development and excessive heights are removed, so that existing buildings and architecture are genuinely and sympathetically acknowledged. A proposal for a community – not one to obliterate it.
- Please appoint an **independent remediation advisor** with a proven record in gasworks remediation, so that the widely threatened local community can be truly assured of nil airborne contamination, during and after the development.

Rethink The Gasworks – Brighton Deserves Better

To your consultation questions:

### **1 Architecture:**

#### **a. What do you like about our design proposals for the architecture?**

That these design **proposals ignore Berkeley Group's responsibilities** as Gold Leaf members of the UK Green Building Council, simultaneously condemn the local community to years of potential toxic exposure as per other UK sites subject to Berkeley Group's poor remediation, deprive the city of Brighton of overwhelmingly needed family residences and overtly ignore any reference to existing local building designs and heritage.

#### **b. What could be improved about our design proposals for the architecture?**

These design proposals could be made to be considerate and proportional – to reflect the community's and the city's real needs. The Local Planning Authority clearly stated a need for 85+ residences. Only greed for profit could result in eight times as many, the 600-700 in these design proposals. If Berkeley Group's argument to be able to proceed with remediation and development in any way **REQUIRES** that level of shareholder satisfaction, **the council must choose an alternative developer.**

## 2 Landscape:

### a. What do you like about our proposals for the landscape design?

That they are similar to the value offering of an Astro Turf football pitch in a mountainous region – artificially contrived, cold, often shrouded in dark shadow from the (concrete) canyons around and universally considered a poor imitation by those unlucky enough to have to be there.

### b. What could be improved about our proposals for the landscape design?

Allow views of REAL open spaces, let the warmth of the sun in, build low-rise high density development that does not cast long shadows.

## 3 Please let us know any other comments that you have on our proposals.

Former Berkeley Group Chairman Tony Pidgley said *“For us, placemaking is all about people. It’s about turning under used spaces into welcoming neighbourhoods which reflect the local character”*.

These proposals only placemake for absent property speculators to buy, whilst ignoring the real needs of this Brighton neighbourhood and utterly destroying its character.

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