



Planning Dept
Rother District Council
Town Hall
Bexhill
East Sussex TN39 3JX

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Re: RR/2019/789/p Bridge Point, Rock Channel Rye TN31 7HL

The Rye Conservation Society wish to support the application to convert the redundant warehouse into a multi-purpose arts centre. We support also the creation of new public space and a riverside walkway.

The draft Rye neighbourhood Plan supports the attractiveness of Rye as a place to visit with arts, culture and entertainment. The project will also enhance the existing attractions of Rye and help regenerate a neglected area.

We have some concerns regarding access from the A259 and note that a new road junction will be provided plus a new much needed pedestrian crossing. The existing entrance road will we understand become a fully tarmac access road through the site to Rock Channel serving housing at Rock Channel Quay. We are also concerned about parking for events and have some doubts about the use of the Gibbets marsh car park sited some way from this site. Until the parking system proposed is seen to be working a condition should be to limit performances to once a month. If performance commence at 19.00 or later there is more space at Rother off site car parks in the area.

Our support for the proposal assumes that Southern Water and the Environment Agency agree a drainage plan for both foul and surface water and this should be a condition for consent.

In conclusion we find the current application to be well-considered and imaginative that meets the aspirations of the Rye Neighbourhood Plan and of the policies contained in the Rother Core Strategy. It will be subject to conditions set by both Rother and Statuary Authorities indicated above. This seems a good investment in Rye's artistic and cultural future.

Yours Sincerely

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