



**Date** 23 September 2021

**RE: Planning application 21/03224/FUL**

**Change of use of private dwelling into 5no. holiday lets and separate holiday home to rent and erection of 4no. holiday homes to rent with associated car parking.**

This application is one which raises serious concerns due to the sheer overdevelopment. Blyth Town Council strongly believe that building to increase the occupation density of Beachway in such an overly intensive manner would be detrimental for the residents who reside there. A previous planning condition concerning this development stated that there would be no intention to develop in this manner which strikes concern. The council have taken into account the comments from residents, concerned with the fact this application is "Change of use" yet work has not completed for it to be a change of use application.

Blyth has a significant HMO problem and this application provides no guarantee that these holiday lets would not be used for a similar purpose. The council would strongly object to any development of such like.

Blyth Town Council would like to stress that we have no objection to holiday lets and we fully support those who are enhancing the wider appeal to our seaside Town. This holiday let would however be an overdeveloped, harmful addition to the coast. The existing car park facilities are known to be congested due to the appeal to the area from local townspeople, dog walkers & water sports. This is a popular access route to the beach, meaning additional car parking and an increase in the number of guests would be catastrophic for the traffic movement around Beachway.

There are serious concerns with the sea wall and its longevity. A previous application for this site has received no response to date for the longevity of this wall. Planning Officers have failed to respond to the question as to whether the sea wall is robust enough to last 100 years. Previous minutes of the Ashington and Blyth Local Planning Committee identify at least 6 occasions whereby this has been asked. Up until the most recent minutes of 2021, planners have failed to answer the question and explain as to whether the wall will stand the test of

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time. Considering this, Blyth Town Council would be extremely concerned for any future danger.

Blyth Town Council urges the Planning Authority to **refuse** this application.