

Thank you for your comments, which have been received by the planning department.

The summary of the details you sent is as follows:

Planning Application - BH2011/02555

I object to the Planning Application

Comment

Two objections to the plans: 1. It is too big for the park. It is 250 sq.m. to service a park of only 3.3 ha. The local area is already already well-served with local cafes; there are 13 within a radius of 300 m. By comparison: Queen's Park has a kiosk of 33 sq.m. serving a park of 6 ha. and with only 2 cafes within 300 m. Preston Park has 2 cafes totalling 370 sq.m. serving a park of over 23 ha. and with only 1 cafe within 300 m. of either cafe. Hove Park has 1 cafe of 183 sq.m. serving a park of over 15 ha. with only 1 food outlet within the area. Stanmer Park has 1 cafe of 228 sq.m. serving a park of over 485 ha. with 0 food outlets anywhere near. East Brighton Park has 1 cafe of 243 sq.m. serving a park of over 23 ha. with 0 food outlets anywhere near. Wild Park has 1 cafe of 227 sq.m. serving a park of over 26 ha. with 0 food outlets anywhere near. In other words, a park the size of The Level in such an inner city location needs only a kiosk such as the one in Queen's Park to meet the demands of park users (who will not be expecting to eat out at The Level). 2. Captain Bertie Hubbard MacLaren's original design, which is so important to the HLF bid, never included a cafe and, more importantly, an essential element of the overall design was symmetry along the north - south axis. To plonk such a substantial modern building in one corner would destroy any notion of adhering to the spirit of MacLaren's vision.