18/00358/FUL - Reasons for refusal.

1. REFUSAL REASON - Design

Whilst the principle of a flatted redevelopment scheme is accepted, the proposed development of this prominent corner site is considered to respond poorly and fails to integrate with its local surroundings by reason of its cramped design, its relationship with the existing pattern of development along Bitterne Road West and excessive site coverage. Furthermore:-

- (a) The proposed building footprint and associated hard-standing and incorporation of raised balcony's results in an excessive site coverage that fails to respond to the spatial characteristics of the pattern and proportions of development along the Bitterne Road West frontage and within the local area.
- (b) The need to incorporate a flat roof form, due to the proposed proportions of the building, results in the design which is out keeping and character with the traditional ridged roof form of buildings in the surrounding area.
- (c) The limited available space, in combination with the footprint proposed, has led to a cramped form of development that lacks a convenient access to refuse, cycle storage and the retail parking space; and fails to provide adequate external residential amenity space that is fit for its intended purpose.

The points raised above are symptomatic of an overdevelopment.

In combination, these design issues result in a building that fails to respect the character of the area or the needs of its users and, as such, the proposed development is considered to be contrary to "saved" policies SDP1 (i) SDP7 (iii) (iv) (v) and SDP9 (i) (v) of the adopted City of Southampton Local Plan Review (March 2015) and Policy CS13 of the adopted Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document (January 2015) as supported by paragraphs 2.3.14, 3.9.1, 3.9.2, 3.9.5, 4.4.1 and 4.4.3 of the Council's approved Residential Design Guide SPD (2006).

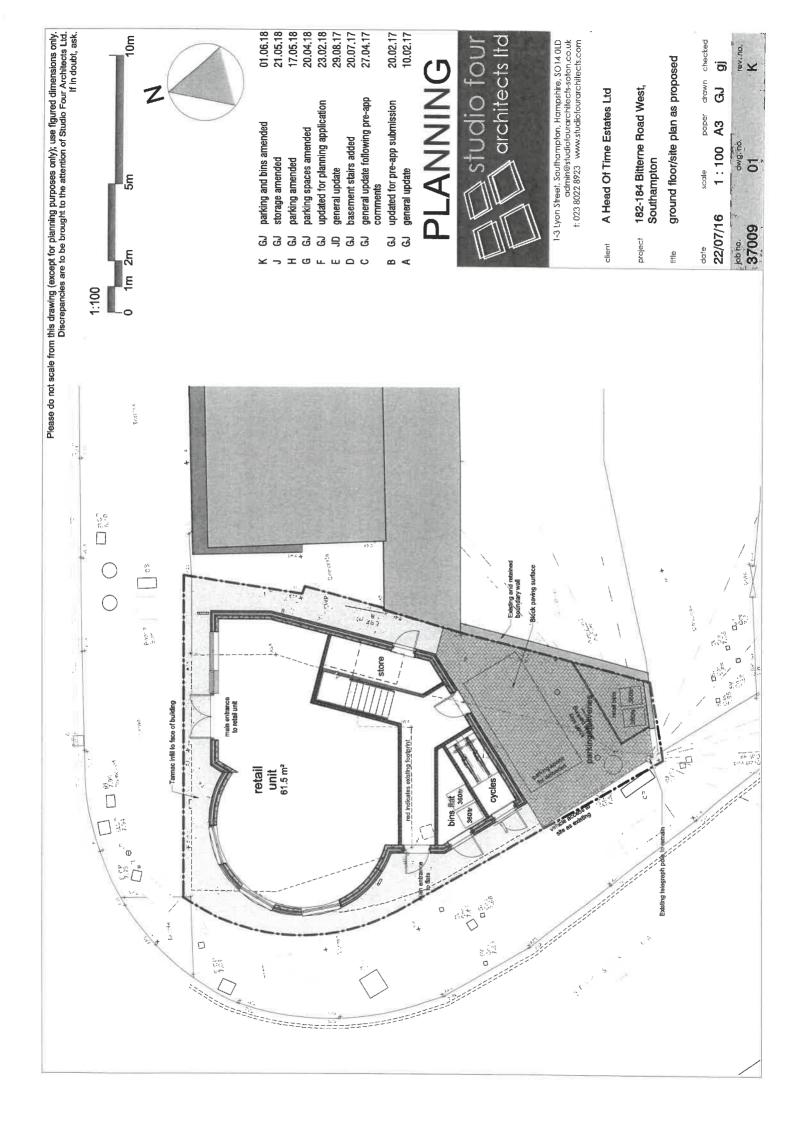
2. REASON FOR REFUSAL - Incomplete Car Parking Survey

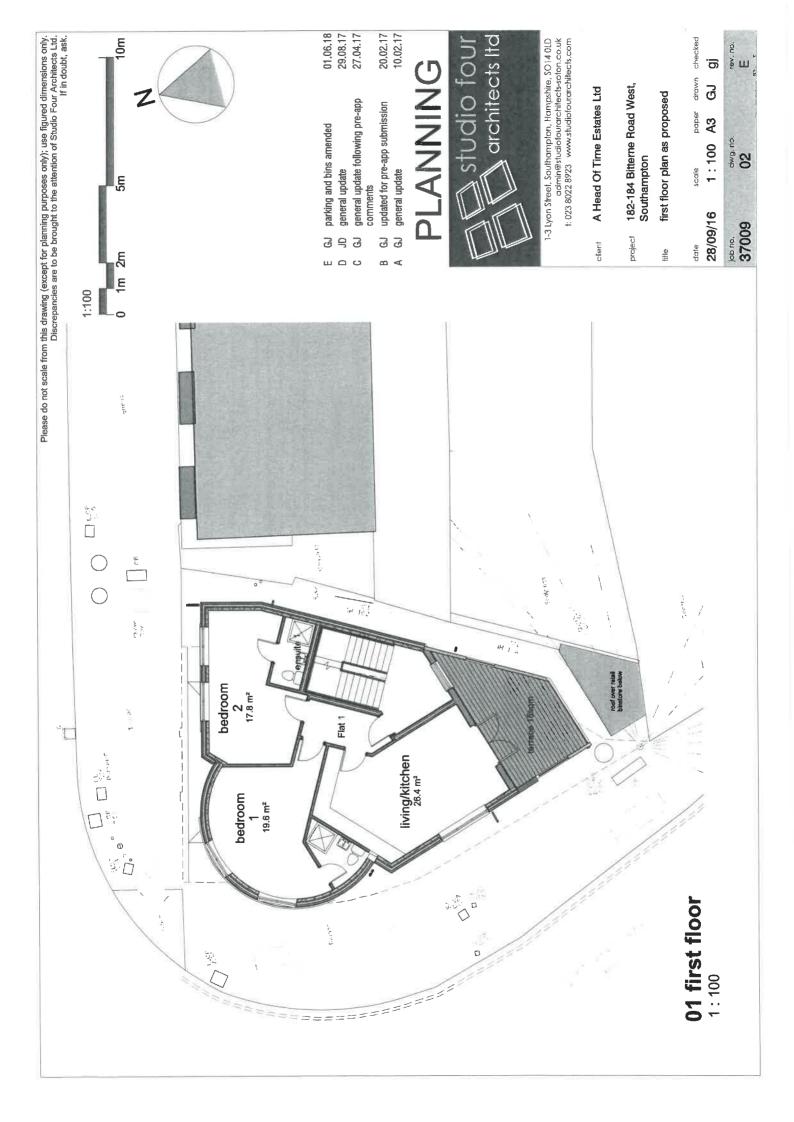
The car parking survey information provided is deemed to be insufficient and fails to satisfactorily demonstrate that the amount of parking provided will be sufficient to serve this mixed use development. In the absence of sufficient information to justify nil provision of car parking on site for residents potential localised overspill parking from the development has the potential to be detrimental to the amenity of existing neighbours; who are reliant on the street for parking and who would then face further competition for space and the possibility of parking further away from their homes. The development proposal is therefore contrary to approved Policy SDP1 (i) of the Amended Local Plan review (2015) and the requirements of the Council's Approved Parking Standards SPD (2011).

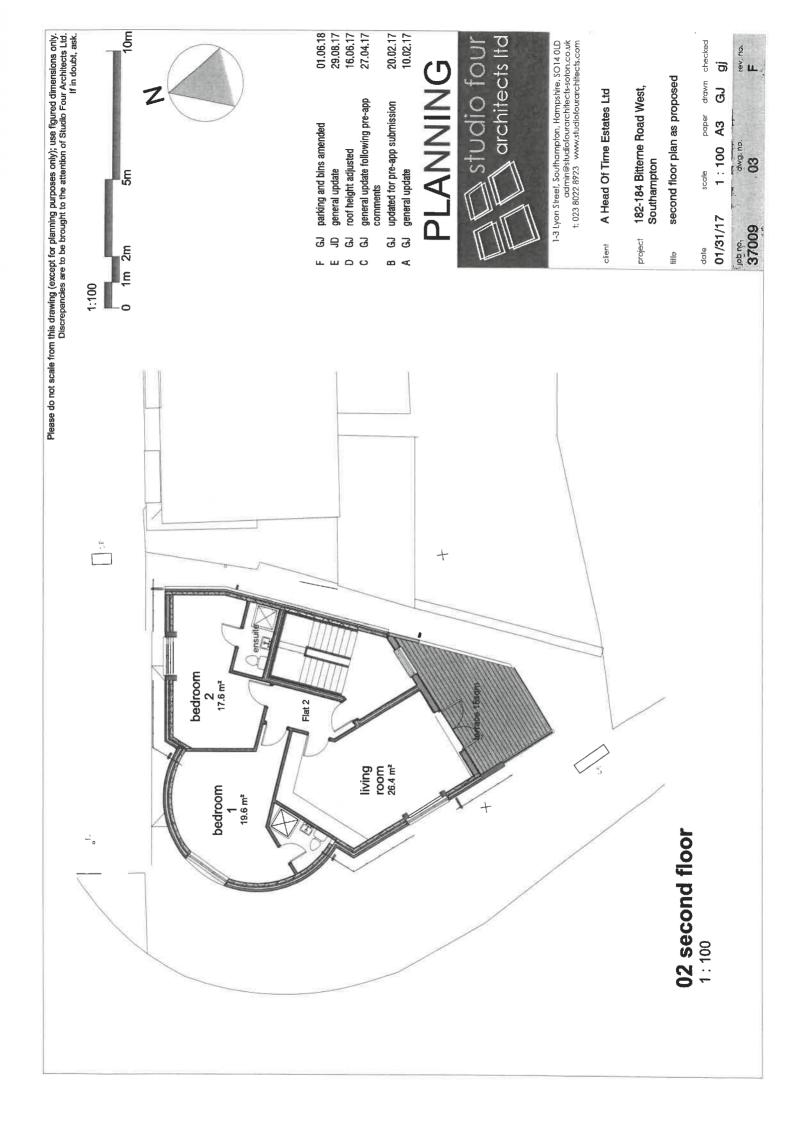
3. REASON FOR REFUSAL - Lack of Section 106 or unilateral undertaking to secure planning obligations.

In the absence of either a scheme of works, a completed Section 106 legal agreement or unilateral undertaking to support the development the application fails to mitigate against its wider direct impact with regards to the additional pressure that further residential development will place upon the Special Protection Areas of the Solent Coastline. Failure to secure mitigation towards the 'Solent Disturbance Mitigation Project' in order to mitigate the adverse impact of new residential development (within 5.6km of the Solent coastline) on internationally protected birds and habitat is

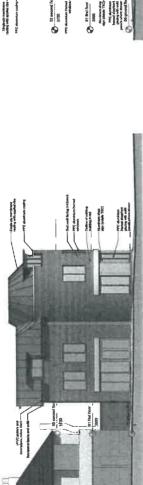
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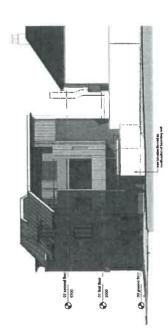




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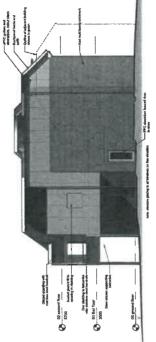
Application site



South (rear) elevation



West (Athelstan Road) elevation



East elevation



