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Another chance to develop the King Alfred properly?

Since the conclusion of the special meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee of the Brighton and Hove City Council in March, the Regency Society of Brighton and Hove has secured the advice of counsel. He has advised that:

1. The resolution passed by the Sub-Committee in March was not a final one.

and

2. That the Sub-Committee had the right to reconsider the matter, especially following the election which put in place a new administration

and

3. The Sub-Committee had the right to come to a different conclusion from the members of the earlier Sub-Committee, providing that it had proper planning grounds to do so.

None of these actions would put the City Council at any risk of paying compensation, as its powers as a Planning Authority were not, and could not, be constrained by any legal agreement with the developers, Karis and others. The Regency Society has communicated this advice to the City Council and has now made a formal submission to seek the reconsideration of the planning application and asking that the application be rejected.

It also asks that the City Council works to promote an acceptable scheme for the site which the Society feels should be redeveloped.

The Society is pleased to note that the Councillors on the Sub-Committee have resolved that they will deal with the matter and not leave it to the non-elected officials.

The text of the Society's submission can be downloaded from its web site on:

<http://www.regencysociety.org/latest/ka/kingalfred.html>

Note to News Editors.

The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove was founded in 1945 as a response to the threat to the Regency heritage of Brighton and Hove. Today it campaigns for the protection of the city's historic environment and its outstanding setting whilst also supporting sensitive and imaginative new developments on suitable sites. It organises an annual series of lectures of high quality and publishes occasional publications on the city's history and architecture. The Society also owns the James Gray Photographic Archive which contains some 9,000 images of the city beginning in the 1850s. Its website can be found on www.regencysociety.org