

seven storeys reducing to four further up the hill. The structure would be completely out of character with the existing houses and would totally dominate the street scene. This first application was refused, but a second application was made for 52 self-contained flats also in a block of seven storeys, but reducing going up the hill. This too was refused because "The proposal, by reason of the scale, form and design would appear as a dominant and incongruous form of development that would not be visually attractive, would cause visual harm and would fail to add to the overall quality of the area." Dover does not need this kind of development.

North Military Road: Dover District Council has submitted a planning application for a three-storey building comprising eight self-contained flats on what is currently the car park at the bottom

of North Military Road. Although not in a Conservation Area, the site is adjacent to three others namely, Town Centre, Dover College and Western Heights, so its setting has a potential to impact upon them. It will also be clearly visible from the Priory Street roundabout. The plan is well thought out, using the difficult topology to best advantage and preserving the tall, mature trees to afford screening. The building and flats are of high quality and include energy efficiency measures and also solar panels wherever possible. The provision of quality affordable housing like this is something we have been pleased to support despite its sensitive setting.

As I write this, we have blue skies and sunshine but with a cold north easterly wind. O the joys of an English summer! I think I'll look at some more planning applications.

The Electric Motel Company of Brighton Their Architect - His View

Terry Sutton

A major project to construct a 90-room hotel on Dover's waterfront is set to start next year (2024), says the providing company.

An architect representing the company, The Electric Motel Company of Brighton, says the hotel on the Marine Curve is part of Dover Harbour Board's massive £250 million regeneration of the western docks.

The architect was attending a Dover Harbour Board public meeting when he had a chat with Terry Sutton, representing The Dover Society. He made no bones about his contempt for The Dover Society,

denying it had 500 members. Anyway (he said), it had no official consultation representation. He argued there were only five objectors to the original shipping container scheme and they, were all members of The Dover Society.

In the early stages of planning, in 2020, the Electric Motel Company suggested the construction would utilise old shipping containers, but that idea is now dropped, and construction will use conventional materials. The proposal from the hotel company is also to provide a swimming pool, restaurant, bar and workspace, all of which have received planning consent from Dover District Council.