



Artist's drawing of new Cromwell Road flats

Up and Up again in Goldsmid

Andrew England writes "RKO developments have dropped their plans to build a hotel on the corner of Cromwell Road and Palmeira Avenue. Instead they intend to construct 94 flats in two seven-storey blocks. There will now be the usual, well-meaning, objections by the local Goldsmid Labour and Green councillors citing over-development, increased traffic congestion with associated pollution, more pressure on GP surgeries and schools, affordability, loss of light etc. These will then be ignored by their coalition partners on the planning committee on the grounds of precedent having been set.

Have we learned nothing in the past few months about the need to build quality, human-scale homes? The Liberal Democrats fully support the building of new housing across the City and at the time of the local elections last year, we put forward a detailed proposal for up to 1,500 homes on council-owned land. There is room for new housing in the City, but we must stop trying to turn Hove into a forest of skyscrapers."

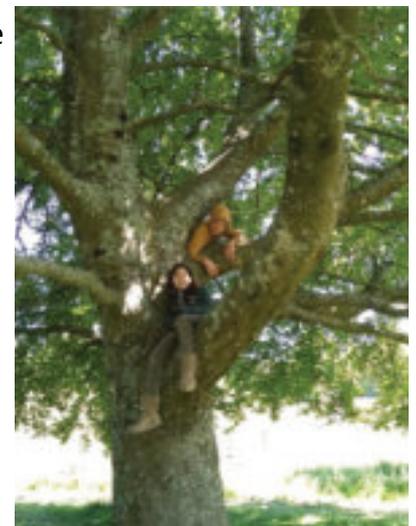
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<https://planningapps.brighton-hove.gov.uk/online-applications>
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Tree planting appeal



Another tree gone in Highdown Rd

Orla May and **Penny Hudd** have noticed the loss of trees in Highdown Road. Trees provide shade, help regulate the microclimate, support wildlife, reduce air pollution and improve mental health and happiness. **Plant Your Postcode** is a volunteer-led project which helps local people plant trees. Many of our urban trees, planted by the Victorians, are succumbing to disease and old age. They need replacing. Please help their crowdfunding appeal to raise £2,000 to replace trees in Brighton and Hove by visiting this website:



Trees support all kinds of wildlife

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/brighton-and-hove-tree-lovers---we-need-you

St Ann's Tennis

A new group has formed a Community Interest Company to take over the running of the tennis courts at St Ann's Well Gardens in co-operation with Brighton & Hove City Council.

The new organisation will be called St Ann's Tennis. The immediate objectives are repairing the fence and cutting back the overgrowth on the north (Nizells Avenue) side. The group will deploy



Members of St Ann's Tennis with Conrad Brunner and David Ince

an online booking system as at Hove Park and Queens Park.

The aim is to form a thriving, self-sustaining tennis facility for local tennis players.

Thanks to **Rob Walker** and **Margo Burkiewicz** at BHCC for making this happen.

Conrad Brunner of St Ann's Tennis said *"Several park's tennis clubs in our city have been organising themselves to become self-funding organisations, using online booking systems and forming Community Interest Companies. This initiative, supported by the LTA (the governing body of tennis in England) is a positive development that will secure the future of public tennis courts like ours. Tennis players can look forward to significant improvements over the next few years."*

Find out more by emailing news@bhplta.co.uk or check the new website: www.stannstennis.co.uk

Our children deserve better

Many parents have told us that that, while schools have done their best, the lack of Government focus on education has been very challenging to families during lockdown.

Paul Chandler said "There has been plenty of effort to protect the NHS and to save jobs but the support for our children has been very poor. This was compounded in this city when **Coun. John Allcock**, the Chair of the Children, Young People and Skills Committee on BHCC angered Heads by advising schools to delay opening without consulting them.

It is high time the Conservative government and the Labour/Green Council got their act together and put children first. Our young people have lost out in so many ways. It is vital that clear plans and adequate resources are put in place for September."



Andrew England, Orla May and Paul Chandler

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