



Ambient House Limited
17 Nyewood Lane. Aldwick.
Bognor Regis. PO21 2QB.

30th July 2017.

Dear Councillor

Planning Ref: AW/166/17/PL

My name is Georgina Puttock and myself and my husband has recently purchased 17 Nyewood Lane, Bognor Regis, after 18 months of in-depth planning and advice from Arun District council and West Sussex county council to self-fund a project for a new business venture that we hope will change the lives of numerous families. Ambient House is a secure residential family centre that offers around the clock support and care for young families and their babies/children. Our governing body is Ofsted.

The accommodation will be staffed 24 hours a day (with awake night staff), providing education on child development, guidance, counselling (1:1 and in groups), life skills, budgeting support, promoting good self-esteem and positive relationships advice, amongst everything else that is involved in successfully raising a child from birth to 18 years.

We can accommodate a maximum of 6 families (mother and baby) and staff ratio will be 3/4 during the day and 2 at night. Residents are not permitted to bring a motorised vehicle during their stay at Ambient House.

The families will be referred to us via social services and the courts, who will remain heavily involved as part of the multi agency's team will be working with. We will also work with many local organisations including the local West Sussex family centres, Drug and Alcohol support unit, Counselling services and Local Authorities' from West Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey and South London.

Ambient House provides a safe environment for parents who have had difficulties in caring for their children. We promote and assess parenting skills to ensure that children are safe and protected. We offer families an opportunity for intensive support to help them recognise the needs of their children. Safeguarding vulnerable young people is our prime focus and the clarity of our assessments inform the referrers whether a child's needs can be adequately met by parents or whether there is a need for intervention and alternative care arrangements that will secure the longer-term future for the child.

My background is in the field of adult nursing and midwifery. I have specialised as a 'young parents midwife' (under 19yrs old) for approximately 3 and a half years. I became very aware as a midwife that this specialist area of care was needed locally and very frustrated that it was not offered. I am passionate about this project and have invested a lot of time and money in this personally. My husband and I have self-funded the entire project, after having done a huge amount of research. West Sussex does not have one of these units at present. Ambient House could be the difference between a mother and baby staying together or a child being removed for adoption by the courts.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet you face to face and answer any questions or objections you may have and invite you to Ambient House on Friday 4th August 2017 at 18.30. Please let me know if this would be convenient.

Your sincerely,

Georgina Puttock.