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Covering letter

Re: Application to remove condition 3 of planning application A/110/05/

The Angmering Day Nursery is a well respected and popular nursery for children between 2 and 5 years old. We have operated on the same site for 15 years and enjoy a good reputation locally for providing quality childcare and education. The setting is currently graded Ofsted 'outstanding' and has achieved many awards. We feel our nursery is an asset to the local community in an area where childcare is in increasing demand.

Over the past year the pandemic has brought us all many challenges. For those in childcare looking after the children of our key workers, it has highlighted many things. The importance of ensuring our children have access to plenty of fresh air and exercise in order to keep healthy, boost and maintain immune systems and to support mental health has been pushed to the forefront.

With the pandemic in full force and the setting looking after keyworker children, we set about our Covid risk assessment for our setting and reflected on the health needs of our children here. I contacted ADC on 2nd June 2020 and advised them that during the time of this pandemic I would need to ensure that the children at Angmering Day Nursery were able to get as much fresh air and exercise as was needed to try and keep them safe. The response from ADC was that the condition must stand and would always investigate any complaint of condition breach, which I was in full understanding of. Under the circumstances of the pandemic, I made the decision to prioritise the health and wellbeing needs of the children at this time and extend the number/ length of time children accessed to outside area, hopeful that the pandemic would be short lived. If there was any complaint/concern regarding condition 3 then I would have worked with ADC to resolve it, as I always have. The pandemic, of course, has not proved to be short lived, but happily over the past year there have been no complaints to us with reference to 'condition 3'.

In addition to the above we also have to consider new legislation that all Early Years Providers need to adhere to. From September 1st 2021 a new Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework, set by the government comes into force. Within this is referenced the UK Chief Medical Officers report of 2019 that states that children under 5 should have 180mins of exercise per day. This report has recently been supported by the Secretary of State for children and families and the Under-Secretary of State for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care. These documents are submitted

here with the relevant paragraphs highlighted in yellow for ease of reference. With this in mind, it would be negligent of me as an Early Years Provider not to apply for this condition to be removed. Currently condition 3 allows each child 45mins of outdoor access. That is just 25% of the recommended amount.

It is for these reasons that I am applying for the removal of Condition 3. I thank you for taking time to consider this position.

Kind regards,

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Director

Angmering Day nursery