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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: A/159/21/PL
Site Address: Mill House Croft Angmering Day Nursery Station Road Angmering BN16 4HY
Description of works: Continuance of use without compliance with condition 3 imposed under A/110/05/
relating to hours and number of children for outside use/play.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 2nd September 2021 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

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As stated in the correspondence attached to this application, for the past 14 months the nursery has been extending use of the garden beyond the confines of the planning conditions due to the Covid pandemic. This decision had to be made after conducting a Covid risk assessment in order to ensure the health of the children and staff during this time. ADC planning dept were made aware of this in June 2020 and It was made clear to me that any complaints received regarding the nursery breaching the conditions would be acted upon. For the past 14 months there have been no complaints regarding any breach of this condition.

As the nursery has been using the garden as needed by the children for over a year, there will be no 'extra' noise disturbance. There is a misconception that children under the age of 5 yrs old within nursery settings will use the outside area in the same way that a school playground is used, ie many children with one or 2 adults just supervising child initiated play. That is simply not the case with early years settings where the outdoor area is set up specifically with learning in mind. Nursery settings must comply with the law and have a ratio of 1 adult to 4 children for children aged 2, and 1 adult to 8 children aged 3. This ensures not only the safety and well-being of the children but also ensures that they are fully engaged in activity. This is contrary to one of the 'opponents' suggestions that children are 'uncontrolled'. Directed play and learning happens both indoors and outdoors. To suggest we do otherwise is defamatory. We abide by the law and Ofsted statutory guidance at all times.

Other comments have been a side issue from the actual application. One objector has complained about our nursery gate opening and closing. This is the first time we have heard of this issue and we are more than happy to place 'sound deadening' on the gate if that what is required. Their house wall being "less than 30inches" from our boundary is a surprising statement as I am aware that the distance between a boundary line and a building must be no less than 1metre. Nevertheless we will do what we can to manage this issue

for them and seek clarification from ADC.

The nursery opens at 8am and closes at 6pm. There is no question of operating beyond those time frames as inferred by one objector.

We have noted a comment regarding numbers of children at the nursery. Ofsted will set a maximum figure based on the square meterage of the nursery. This is separate to the restriction placed by Arun District Council. We do indeed have many families accessing the nursery. This is because some children will only for 1 or 2 morning sessions per week.

As a nursery we do all we can to prevent our neighbours being inconvenienced by parking. It is in the terms and conditions of children attending our setting that parents park respectfully whilst accessing the nursery. No neighbours have come to us with any issues surrounding parent or staff parking for some years now. Staff never park on the lay-by or over driveways. It is within their staff handbook that they park at the Angmering Secondary school or the Baptist Church where there is plenty of space away from our neighbours.

Finally, indeed Angmering is a growing village. Without doubt good nursery provision is needed to support the families living here and the balance between older residents and young families is rapidly changing. We provide an excellent service for our parents. Our reputation as 'the place' to go for childcare, not only among parents within the village but stretching beyond, helps put Angmering on the map of being somewhere of note locally.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



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Group Head of Planning

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