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Your Ref: OWPC17349
Our Ref: A/195/17/PL 30-10-2017
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

12th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Construction of timber framed outbuilding to replace demolished workshop
Mill House Croft Station Road Angmering

Thank you for your internet representation made on 11th February 2018 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

It has been kindly brought to my attention by a number of my neighbours that an anonymous letter has been circulated to a number of households within my vicinity giving what I can only describe as a maliciously fabricated story as to my intentions for constructing a timber outbuilding in my garden.

Of course anyone is more than welcome to voice concerns to the planning department, however I just wanted to state clearly, in this public arena, my intentions in a transparent and honest way in order to attempt to alleviate any concerns anyone might have.

I understand the anonymous letter states that I might be attempting to run a second business from my property. This is not the case. I own the property solely myself. Currently I live in it on my own. I have no interest or shareholding in any other business other than the children's day nursery. As such, my primary concern is always with the children in my care and I am answerable to many other regulatory authorities, including OFSTED. To run a business, as described in the letter as 'manufacturing' would be completely impossible, even if I wanted to, which I don't. Every person living or working within my property undergoes enhanced criminal records checks, this includes my own children. To open my property up to a potentially unregulated position would be frankly ridiculous.

Although it is a personal matter, I will let you know that I do have a partner, who does not live with me, who runs a 'father and son', Heating/ Gas and Electrical business which is based in Worthing. He is supporting me with much of the much-needed alterations needed to the private residential part of my house. To be honest, both he and I are looking forward to gearing down the business side of our lives and preparing ourselves for retirement... hence trying to make the residential part of the property a little more conducive to that. We would like a nice, organised outdoor space where we can relax, just as I am sure all our neighbours do.

The outbuilding is therefore not in any way for any business. The intention is to replace some of the old outbuildings at the property (one of which has already been taken down) and put up a single new building. This will house general gardening equipment, some household bits and pieces, a 'DIY' workshop and our scuba diving equipment, which is a sport we enjoy on a regular basis.

I do understand that one of neighbours takes issue with my running a small children's nursery at Millhouse Croft. Myself, my family, and my employees have been subject to the most terrible abuse and malicious untruths spread by this one particular individual, to the

extent at one point it was making me very ill. I do hope you understand therefore my reasons for writing to you now and explaining my position. I will however point out as well that I have many supportive neighbours, some of whom have taken time to visit or phone me over the last few weeks and I really appreciate their kind words and support.

Indeed the nursery is my business, it is my livelihood. I have run it very successfully for 12 years now and, despite all the antagonism, have always continued to run it within the perimeters of what is allowed by the authorities including Arun District Council. All accusations of any misconduct have always been found to be completely malicious, fuelled by one individual.

I say to anyone who asks, or who has a concern, you are more than welcome to contact me at any time. You are welcome to come and have a look around the nursery, or to see and talk about what I am proposing to do.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

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