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Economic Regeneration Comments.

From: Miriam Nicholls
Sent: 10 June 2014 15:49
To: Simon Davis
Cc: Denise Vine
Subject: RE: Unit 4 Oldlands Way (ref. BE/32/14/PL)

Hi Simon

The Economic Development Team would not be able to support this proposal. Our primary concern is loss of commercial space.

Arun's Priorities for 2013-2017 include

'Your Future: Strengthening our economy through regeneration and better Infrastructure'

In order to strengthen the economy a supply of suitable business premises is critical. The Economic Development Team is working with planning colleagues to ensure a good supply of units is available for all types of business at all stages of their life.

This is a modern, purpose built unit that has undergone recent refurbishment. Whilst we acknowledge that it has been vacant for some 2 years part of that time was spent undertaking the refurbishment and it has only more recently been advertised in its current condition. Over the past few months enquiries for commercial premises are increasing which means it is even more critical that there is a supply of good quality commercial premises available.

Whilst we understand the benefit to the community of a facility such as this we feel that we cannot support this application due to the loss of commercial space.

Regards

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