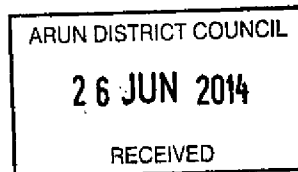




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25th June 2014

Dear Simon

**Re: Development Control Committee Meeting 1 July 2014 – BE/32/14/PL - Unit 4
Oldlands Way**

Bersted Parish Council fully supports this application. The provision of an indoor skate park would greatly improve the facilities for young people in the area at a time when there are cuts to youth provision. The skate park will create employment opportunities and as it becomes more successful employment opportunities will be expanded. The uniqueness of the skate park will attract people from out of the area, which will also have an effect on the local economy.

The Economic Development Team objects because it is a loss of a business unit, but there is outline planning permission, application BE/61/13 Oldlands Way, for a mixture of commercial and business units, surely this should be taken into consideration? Also there is a precedence of this change of use where commercial units in Durban Road have made way for the development of flats.

The Parish Council feels that the greater social need outweighs the business need in this instance because of the numerous other vacant sites in Arun. The Parish Council believe the site is in a sustainable location close to an area of social deprivation, so will be a positive influence and advantage.

Yours faithfully

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