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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: BN/52/26/S73
Site Address: The former Croft Surgery Barnham Road Eastergate PO20 3RP
Description of works: Removal of conditions 4 and 6 imposed under BN/130/25/PL relating to EV charging and hours of operation.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 23rd May 2026 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

OWPC83670

I would like to make the following comments in support of the application to remove conditions 4 and 6 imposed to BN/130/25/PL relating to EV charging and hours of operation.

Regarding Condition 4, The Hours of Use Restriction, I would like to point out that the approved worship activities are short in duration, infrequent, and low intensity. Unlike many places of worship, the use does not involve amplified music, public entertainment, commercial activity, alcohol sales, large-scale public events, or significant late-night congregation dispersal.

The proposal represents a modest, community-focused use operating within an existing building. There is no substantive evidence demonstrating unacceptable impacts upon neighbouring amenity, highway safety, noise levels, or the wider locality. In fact, it will be considerably less than in its previous use.

Furthermore, pastoral care, prayer meetings, emergencies, bereavement support, and community welfare needs, can arise unexpectedly and cannot always operate within narrowly prescribed hours. The ability for a place of worship to remain accessible outside rigid operating times is both normal and reasonable, particularly where activities are small-scale and low impact.

In these circumstances, the hours restriction fails the tests set out within the National Planning Policy Framework, as it does not appear necessary, reasonable, proportionate, or directly related to any identified planning harm.

Regarding Condition 6, given that this development relates to a modest, non-commercial place of worship characterised by low vehicle turnover, infrequent gatherings, relatively short visits, and limited parking demand, this Electric Vehicle Charging Condition would impose an unnecessary and disproportionate burden that is excessive for the intended approved use. The frequency and duration of vehicle parking associated with the use do not reasonably justify the level of EV charging infrastructure required by the condition.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that Arun District Council approve this Section 73 application and remove, or suitably amend, the disputed conditions.

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



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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