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To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Letter of Support Planning Application BR/311/18/PL

Dear Mr.Davis

Please find attached the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board's letter of support for BR/311/18/PL addressing the proposed University of Chichester's student accommodation on the Bognor Regis Campus.

I apologise for missing the cut off date but the Board was not able to meet until last night to discuss the proposal which we fully endorsed.

I would appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of the letter and that it will be entered onto your portal.

Best Regards

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30th January 2019

Dear Mr. Davis

Proposed Student Accommodation Bognor Regis Campus University of Chichester BR/311/18

With reference to the above planning application I am writing on behalf of the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board who are fully in support of this further investment by the University of Chichester in Bognor Regis.

The Board brings together leading representatives from the key public, private and community stakeholders in Bognor Regis and is a major driver in encouraging and facilitating key investment projects in Bognor Regis.

The proposal follows on from the recently opened Engineering & Digital Technology Park. The Planning application BR/311/18 is for 176 bedrooms for student accommodation. This Phase 1 development is organized in two blocks - Block A with 6 storeys and a total of 92 bedrooms, Block B comprises of 5 storeys and a total of 84 bedrooms. The application states that the vision for the site is to expand accommodation to 350 bedrooms to meet the requirements for the expanded campus.

The successful BR54/16/PL application for the Engineering & Digital Technology Park included accommodation for a 136 bedroom scheme. This new application results from further discussions with Arun District Council and changes to emerging building fire regulations.

This additional investment by the University builds on the long standing commitment that the University has had towards the campus and the town. As well as the £35m Technology Park investment previous investment of £13m has seen the refurbishment of the Dome, the focal point for the School of Enterprise Management and Learning, and the Learning Resource Centre.

The impact of the existing Business School and the new Engineering and Digital Technology Park on the regeneration of Bognor Regis cannot be overestimated. The Technology Park is expected to attract an additional 1200-1500 student providing STEM (science, technology engineering and mathematics) skills for both existing local businesses and those considering relocation to Enterprise Bognor Regis employment sites. This investment concurs with the Board's objectives of raising educational and skills attainment and raising average wages locally.

The Board welcomes the University's initiatives which are aimed at supporting the growth of engineering and technology businesses and acting as a catalyst for the development and retention of an entrepreneurial, start-up and micro business culture in Bognor Regis. This will include working with local businesses for development and delivery of curriculum providing apprenticeships, placements and internships.

At the time of the previous planning application it was estimated that the expanded Bognor Regis campus with the additional 1200 -1500 students will almost double the economic impact in the town to an estimated £69million per annum.

The University's Engineering & Digital Technology Park proposals are part of the overall strategic plans set out in ADC's Local Plan. Specifically Policy SD SP1a - Strategic Approach and Policy SP2 Economic Growth Areas, identifying the Bognor Regis campus as an important driver in the regeneration of the town, encouraging strong links between education and industry via investment and employment for the benefit of the local community.

The Board fully endorses this next stage in the development of the Technology Park on the Bognor Regis campus.

Yours sincerely



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