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4th March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: FG/10/26/PL
Site Address: Eastlands Littlehampton Road Ferring BN12 6PB
Description of works: Change of use from equestrian to secure dog exercising and associated development. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan and is in CIL Zone 3 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 3rd March 2026 which has been recorded as support with the comments as follows:

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I would like to express my strong support for this application to convert the existing equestrian field into a secure dog exercise field.

This proposal represents a sensible and positive use of the land. The site is already established as recreational equestrian land, so the principle of leisure use is not new or inappropriate in this location. A secure dog field would be a low-impact facility that meets a clear and growing community need.

As a local dog owner, I regularly use a similar secure dog field in the area. That facility is consistently fully booked, often months in advance, which clearly demonstrates significant unmet demand. The shortage of secure spaces means responsible owners are competing for limited availability. Providing an additional site would relieve that pressure and better serve the local community.

While my own dogs are not reactive, the benefits of secure fields extend far beyond behaviour management.

Enclosed spaces allow dogs to run freely, practice recall safely, and engage in enrichment activities without risk to livestock, wildlife, or other countryside users. It also means they can play with a ball or toy, without disturbing other users of the countryside and without being disturbed.

On a personal level, these spaces provide enormous wellbeing benefits. Exercising my dogs in a secure, calm environment reduces stress and allows me to enjoy time outdoors with peace of mind. Importantly, my mum has Alzheimer's, and a fully enclosed, private field provides a safe environment where she can join me. Public parks or open countryside can be confusing and overwhelming for her, whereas a contained and predictable setting allows her to spend time outside safely. Facilities like this therefore serve not only dogs, but families and carers who need secure, manageable environments.

The proposal is modest in scale, does not introduce significant built development, and can be managed to minimise visual and environmental impact. It remains consistent with recreational use of the land and is far less intensive than many other rural developments.

In summary, this application responds to proven demand, supports responsible dog ownership, promotes wellbeing, and represents an appropriate and low-impact evolution of the site's existing use.

I respectfully encourage the planning authority to approve this application.

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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