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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: THE PLANNING APPLICATION AT EASTLANDS, ON BEHALF OF MR AND MRS C ELLIS,
EASTLANDS, LITTLEHAMPTON ROAD, FERRING, WEST SUSSEX, BN12 6PB**

I would like to support the application to build accommodation to accompany the new equestrian facility at Eastlands. There is an increasing demand for high quality livery yards run by experienced proprietors. As a tier three Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons accredited hospital, The Arundel Equine Hospital provides equine veterinary services throughout Sussex and Surrey and has seen a marked increase in the level of horse ownership in this area and as such has had to expand to meet these demands.

The Ellis's have been clients of the practice for approximately 30 years of which I have known them personally for the last 8 years. During this time they have demonstrated extremely high levels of knowledge allowing them to provide an excellent level of care that is essential to instil confidence in their horse owning clients.

The care of horses is a twenty four hour a day commitment as horses can get ill or injured at any time. These facilities in particular, have been built to a high standard in order to cater for top quality high value/expensive animals and as such 24 hour care provided by on site staff is essential. The facilities will also house in-foal mares and young stock. It is imperative for these horses safety that they are monitored closely and that care can be given at short notice particularly at foaling time. Any delay in administering assistance during foaling can result in life threatening consequences to the animals involved. As such I feel that accommodation should be provided attached to this new equestrian facility.

Yours faithfully

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