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**Your Ref:** OWPC11690  
**Our Ref:** FP/245/16/PL 02-11-2016  
**Please ask for:**  
Richard Temple

3rd January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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Retention of mixed use C3 (residential) and Sui Generis/Community open house as a personal permission with existing sheds to front garden - Resubmission of FP/171/16/PL.

Olive Tree Cottage 40 Links Avenue FELPHAM

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 27th December 2016 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*I have already written a note in support of this venture in the previous hearing and wish to do so again.*

*My son and I have on occasion visited the Olive tree cottage where we have been met by a truly friendly and accepting welcome every time. My son has severe autism and is non-verbal, communicating in hand gestures and grunts only. If I take him out to a cafe, we usually get funny looks from fellow customers, with the occasional rude remark about my son still being in the buggy or not looking at people or not keeping quiet. Not so at the Olive Tree cottage, where children with disabilities are all welcome with open arms. As a result of our bad experience in regular cafes, as well as their lack of space for a disabled child's buggy, and lack of changing facilities for an older child, we have been very limited in where we can go. There are also times when my son gets overwhelmed in a regular cafe or restaurant setting and we need to leave and maybe return in 30 minutes' time - no cafe will keep my drink and food and seat for me even if I explain why we need to leave, whereas the Olive Tree Cottage has the facilities and spaces where we can leave the main seating area and go to the garden for a while and no one has a problem with it - and I come back to my food and drink with minimum stress.*

*As to the main objections: I have never seen any obstruction to the traffic before on my visits - we ourselves, like so many other families, visit by bus and walking. There are clear guidelines as to where to park for those who drive - and the parking rules are being enforced by Sam and Rob diligently. Also, they have adjusted their opening times to such times as to not have an impact on commuters. I believe there has been a traffic survey and some pictures already provided in support of this so I am not certain why this is even still being discussed.*

*As to noise pollution - I don't see how having a few children and their carers visit is different to any other playdate or visit from friends for the purpose of socialising. They have a garden and they use it for children to play in and for family pets. They are not running a petting zoo as has been suggested. I see nothing wrong with the use of their garden, and even if the cafe wasn't operating, the family would be keeping their pets and the use of their garden would remain the same. The family have four children - of course there will be some noise and it is natural to expect that.*

*Just as it is natural to expect that a family home will produce some cooking smells. Bearing in mind that this is a family home for 6 people, cooking smells are to be expected. However, the family have made the concession in their management of the food they offer that no fried foods can be ordered and cooked food is kept to a minimum, with most food items sold being cakes and sandwiches.*

*I am writing in full support of Olive Tree Cottage and am hoping the council will grant the application.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Eva Farrow.*

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go to the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts  
Director Planning & Economic Regeneration