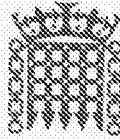


Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP



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31 March 2017

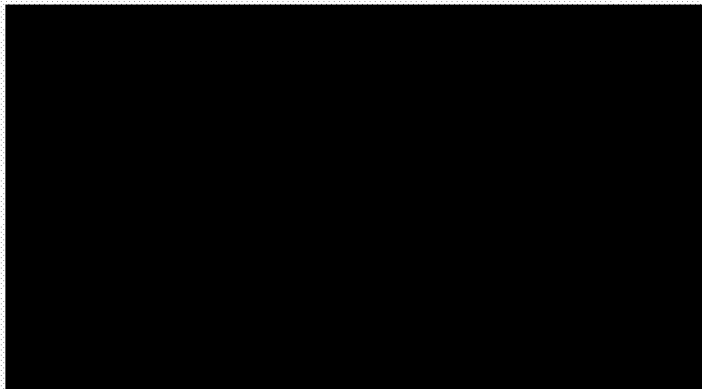
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Gibb'.

I have received the enclosed email from my constituent, Mr Stewart Nicol of 1 Lansdowne House, The Esplanade, Bognor Regis, PO21 1TR, regarding a planning application for an open house in Felpham for children with special needs, which has been refused.

It would be enormously helpful if you would kindly look into the issues raised by Mr Nicol and let me have your comments in due course.

With best wishes.



**CORENBLOOM, Vicki**

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**From:** Stewart Nicol [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 March 2017 15:09  
**To:** GIBB, Nicolas  
**Subject:** Children with disabilities

Dear Nick

I usually email you regarding some major national issue. However, this is a local situation in Felpham, Bognor Regis. Please see this article from the Littlehampton Gazette:

<http://www.littlehamptongazette.co.uk/news/open-house-for-children-with-special-needs-refused-planning-permission-1-7892116>

Is there anything you could do to help these people? They appear to be providing a decent service where it is required, in the Community. They seem to have come up against the usual "not in my back yard" attitude. What happened to Care in the Community?

Kind regards

Stewart A. Nicol



The RT Hon N Gibb MP  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
London  
SW1A 0AA

10 April 2017

Your Ref:

Our Ref: KR/SDB

Please ask for:  
Karl Roberts  
Director of Place  
Direct Dial: 01903 737760

Dear

Thank you for your letter to Nigel Lynn dated 31 March 2017 regarding your constituent Mr Nicol and his concerns. This letter has been passed to me as Director of Place for response. I have now had an opportunity to investigate this matter and am able to provide the following information.

Please find the link to the refusal of the application and Development Control Committee Minutes:-  
[http://stegosaurus.in.arun.gov.uk/PublicViewer/Authenticated/Main.aspx?user\\_key\\_1=FP/245/16/P](http://stegosaurus.in.arun.gov.uk/PublicViewer/Authenticated/Main.aspx?user_key_1=FP/245/16/P)  
<http://www1.arun.gov.uk/PublicViewer/Tempfiles/3c2aae164d194d5.pdf>

The first link contains the Officer's report which explains the reason for refusal of the application and how the Council reached that recommendation. The application was considered by the Council's Development Control Committee who voted to refuse the application in line with Officer recommendation.

I would add that the service provided at Olive Tree Cottage is not purely for children with special needs but operates as an 'open house' akin to a community centre which is open to anyone.

It has been identified that there are alternate premises in the local area for such a use to operate.

Yours sincerely,



Karl Roberts  
Director of Place