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Chester
'Braemar', Worthing Road, Littlehampton

Your Ref: OWPC2849
Our Ref: LU/118/14/PL 28-04-2014
Please ask for:
Mr C Cronin

2nd June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)

Change of use & extension of part of former office building to a G P Practice with associated parking, landscaping & highway works.

Former Bodyshop Offices Courtwick Lane Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 2nd June 2014 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I believe that these are positive proposals which would provide much needed modern primary care facilities for North Littlehampton in anticipation of the new housing being built there. How refreshing to see infrastructure being planned in advance of housing being built rather than afterwards. I'm sure you will know of the difficulty people are having accessing a primary care appointment in a reasonable timescale and also the unfit conditions which exist at some practices.

The site is accessible by bus, the main A259, there is good parking provision, and the transport plan needs to be seen in the context of the improvements to the road network in North Littlehampton to be introduced in the next few years.

I appreciate that the site is supposed to be an 'enterprise' hub. However the building has lain empty since it was given planning consent for this use which is no good at all.

I also accept that this is no way a replacement for the Littlehampton Community Hospital snatched from the town in a saga of deceit and duplicity, however the NHS is clear that this is phase one of a two phase project. The community needs to continue to campaign for phase two however no-body can deny the need to improve the primary care facilities in which primary care is delivered.

This is a glass half full application and by approving it we can make sure that the glass is filled to the very top. In an unhealthy area with considerable social and economic difficulties that is something which the Dr would order, surely? Finally, there are many work spaces available in littlehampton and surrounds if cllrs are fearful the loss of this part of the empty enterprise hub would be detrimental to local business. On balance the benefits of this application outweigh the 'on-paper' disadvantages of losing some business premises.

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 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
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