

The Park Surgery
St Floras Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5RG

Your Ref: OWPC2988
Our Ref: LU/118/14/PL 28-04-2014
Please ask for:
Mr C Cronin

24th 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 24th June 2014 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

*The Assistant Director Planning and Economic Regeneration
Arun Civic Centre,
Maltravers Road,
Littlehampton
BN17 5LF*

24th June 2014

For the attention of the Assistant Director Planning and Economic Regeneration

We, the partners of The Park Surgery are writing to support the proposals from Arun Medical Group to relocate to a new GP practice on Courtwick Lane, and therefore the planning application for a change of use of part of the building to a medical facility.

Across the wider Littlehampton area, all of the GP practices work closely together, and we are aware that Arun Medical Group have been looking to find new premises for some time. Their current premises have become very limited and do not allow them to provide the level of services expected of a modern practice. The demands upon general practice continue to grow, and both locally and nationally there is a drive to bring more care into the community, closer to home for patients. A new purpose-built GP practice - as proposed on Courtwick Lane - would allow Arun Medical Group to meet these demands, to offer accessible, high quality healthcare, and to provide a health facility that will be for the benefit of the local community.

In addition to their premises needs, we also all need to recognise that the north of Littlehampton is an area of significant growth with more than 3,000 homes planned for development in this area of the town. Currently there are no primary care facilities in this part of Littlehampton and yet it is due for the largest development in terms of housing.

By creating this new GP practice on Courtwick Lane, Arun Medical Group remains within its catchment area and is still able to serve all of its existing patients, but would also be in a prime location at the centre of this area of development, and would be able to address the demand created by the new housing.

A relocation of Arun Medical Group would also allow an opportunity for The Lawns

Surgery in Rustington to explore a move to East Preston, taking on the branch surgery building currently used by Arun Medical Group. The Lawns are in premises which are very small and in a poor state of repair. This would present an ideal opportunity for The Lawns to move into larger premises, allowing them scope for expansion - again strengthening the primary care provision across the wider Littlehampton area.

We hope these views are taken into consideration as part of this official planning consideration.

Yours sincerely

*Dr G Byars
Dr T Kimber
Dr T Atkinson
Dr P Liston
Dr D Hazell*

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
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration