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Your Ref: OWPC3016
Our Ref: LU/118/14/PL 28-04-2014
Please ask for:
Mr C Cronin

27th 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 27th 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*

Fitzalan Medical Group

27th June 2014

For the attention of the Assistant Director Planning and Economic Regeneration

As the Locality Director for Arun locality, which forms part of NHS Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group, I am writing to share our locality support for a planning application to change the use of part of a building on Courtwick Lane to new medical facilities.

As a locality, our main focus is to look at how current health services are providing care for people across the CCG's locality of Arun, and where further improvements can be made. Primary care is an essential part of local health care provision, and as such needs to be able to provide the best possible services for local residents. We are clear the proposed relocation of Arun Medical Group to Courtwick Lane would strengthen primary care in the wider Littlehampton area, allowing the practice to grow and develop, and provide more care locally for their patients.

In addition, it will allow the practices across the Arun locality to address the growing demand for primary care in the north of Littlehampton, where there are currently no primary care services. With the planned housing developments in this area of town, it is essential that as a locality we address this demand and ensure that the expanding population in this area is able to access high quality healthcare. Relocating Arun Medical

Group would allow this need to be met, at the same time as the practice's existing patients continue to receive the care and support they expect from a modern, state-of-the-art GP practice.

The benefits continue, in that a relocation of Arun Medical Group to Courtwick Lane, would also open up the potential opportunity for The Lawns Surgery, which is currently based in Rustington, to relocate to the existing East Preston surgery site. The Lawns have been in challenged premises for many years now and have been waiting for a suitable opportunity to move; this would provide suitable alternative premises and would allow this practice to grow and develop, and ensure primary care provision remains in East Preston.

In summary, as a locality, we hope this planning application is considered favourably, and permission is given for the local NHS to make these significant improvements to local healthcare in the wider Littlehampton area.

Yours sincerely

*Dr Yvonne Grant - GP at Fitzalan Medical Group, and NHS Coastal West Sussex CCG
Locality Director for Arun*

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