

The Assistant Director Planning and Economic Regeneration
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For the attention of the Assistant Director Planning and Economic Regeneration

We, the partners of Fitzalan Medical Group 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.

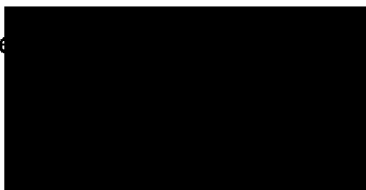
A relocation of Arun Medical Group would also allow an opportunity for The Lawns Surgery in Rustington to explore a move to East Preston, taking on the branch surgery building currently used by Arun Medical Group. The Lawns are in premises which are very small and in a poor state of repair. This would present an ideal opportunity for The Lawns to move into larger premises, allowing them scope for

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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



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