

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

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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.

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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



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Locality Director for Arun**