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Arun District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 96A (Non-Material Amendment) (LU/330/18/PL) –
Land south of Cornfield Close, Littlehampton**

We write to Arun District Council (the 'Council')) to seek the addition of a new planning condition associated with Planning Permission (LU/330/18/PL) pursuant to Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in order to extend the working hours for construction activities on site from 0600 to 2100 (Monday to Saturday) to 13 May 2021.

The Planning Permission was approved by the Council on 14 August 2019 and construction activities commenced on site in October 2019.

As Conditions 6 and 7, which refer to hours of operation, have already been discharged by way of the details outlined within the Construction Environmental Management Plan (applications LU/276/19/DOC and LU/264/19/DOC), it would be prudent to supplement the new condition with an informative that explicitly confirms the new condition applies on a temporary basis until 13 May 2021.

As the Council are probably aware, on 13 May 2020, the Government published a Written Ministerial Statement on planning and construction working hours in a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This statement expects local planning authorities to approve requests to extend construction working hours temporarily to ensure safe working, in line with social distancing guidelines.

The amendments will enable the timely delivery of an approved, policy compliant scheme which will deliver much needed housing to the area. The revisions would ensure that construction activities will continue on programme, whilst ensuring Government guidance on social distancing is adhered to and that the existing planning conditions are not a barrier to this. We will of course continue to work in line with best practice measures and other industry guidelines, to ensure that any impacts of longer working hours are kept an absolute minimum.

For the benefit of the Council, this application is supported by the following documents:

- Supporting Letter (this letter);
- Written Ministerial Statement (13 May 2020); and
- Appropriate application fee (£234)

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For the reasons set out in this letter and the supporting document, we respectfully request that the Council accept our application for a non-material amendment and approve it without delay and in line with the Government's expectations of 10-working days.

If you have any questions in relation to the above or the content of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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