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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Lovelong House

I am writing in my capacity as a Consultant Psychiatrist who has worked in Sussex for 20 years. Lovelong House is a much needed addition to local healthcare as there is a clear shortage of facilities which can effectively help people who have problems with alcohol. I am confident that Lovelong house will offer high quality evidence based care, and at times this care will be lifesaving.

Alcohol misuse is the biggest risk factor for death, ill health and disability amongst 15-49 year olds in the UK, and the fifth biggest risk factor across all ages. There is a strong link between alcohol and crime, approximately half of all violent offenders are under the influence of alcohol and alcohol related crime in the UK is estimated to cost £13bn per year.

Only about 15% of dependent drinkers are in treatment. Around 61% of people seeking treatment complete their treatment successfully.

The above figures clearly show that there is a significant need for effective alcohol treatment centres, both to reduce ill health and reduce crime. Lovelong house will also provide employment for approximately 20 people and I would therefore urge the local planning department to approve the application.

Yours faithfully



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