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Our Ref: LU/52/17/NMA
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

21st March 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Section 96A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
(as amended) - Article 10**

Application for non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission LU/314/16/PL relating to re-orientation of the building to the East, amendments to internal layout at ground & first floor levels. Removal of mezzanine floor level with the plant being distributed throughout the remaining building envelope. Reduction in overall width of the building by 1m. Reduction in overall floorspace and loss of one no. toilet. Reduction in maximum building height. Reduction in width of main swimming pool. Amendments to proposed car parking arrangement & amendments to energy strategy.
Littlehampton Swimming & Sports Centre Sea Road Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet comments made on 21st March 2017 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

Littlehampton Town Council Community Resoucrs Committee considered this planning application at their meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2017.

70.2.2 The proposed amendments had been classed as non-material and related to proposals to re-orientate the building to the East, reduce the overall foot print of the building, amendments to the internal layout, plant distribution and the width of the main pool. Members proceeded to consider the application in more detail and discussion focussed on the impact that the changes would have on the quality of the leisure facilities envisaged at the site. The rationale for changing the orientation of the building was acknowledged however, the reduction in the footprint of the building and the resultant changes to the facilities within were considered to be significant and constituted a material change to the original application.

70.2.3 Observing that the internal configuration of facilities would result in reduced public toilet provision, Members questioned the viability of any proposals that might come forward in the future regarding the potential relocation of the Mewsbrook Park public conveniences with the new centre were no longer viable. It was unclear from the application what the impact would be of the reduction in the width of the swimming pool. Members were therefore concerned that any changes could result in the down-grading of the pool which might disadvantage local clubs who wished to participate in competitions at a higher level. It was also noted that the reduced footprint had provided the scope to improve the number of parking spaces and Members wished to ensure that coach parking and the bus stop for the new bus service had not also been sacrificed to achieve this. It was therefore agreed that clarification be sought on these aspects of the proposals.

70.2.3 It was also considered that the planned removal of photovoltaic cells and changes to the plant were contrary to the District Council's energy efficiency policy which supported

investment in sustainable technologies that aimed to bring about savings in the long term. Overall, Members judged that it was not acceptable that these amendments be approved without the benefit of a full planning application which clearly identified the impact of the changes proposed on this public facility. The Committee therefore RESOLVED:

To object to the non-material planning application on the grounds that the amendments, by virtue of the reduction in energy efficiency, scale and configuration of the approved scheme, constituted a significant reduction in the leisure facilities that would be available to the residents of the Town and that the Committee's comments as set out above be forwarded to the District Council.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Roberts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Karl Roberts
Director Planning & Economic Regeneration