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Date: 08th May 2017

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Dear Mrs Gardner

Re: Westholme Nursery, Toddington Lane, Littlehampton, BN17 7PP.

Thank you for your correspondence of 12th of April 2017, advising me of a re-submitted outline planning application for 10no residential units at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion, and with the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Arun district being below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, I have no major concerns with the proposals, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends should be considered.

Having looked at the new application I have concluded that further crime prevention advice is unnecessary, therefore my previous comments of PE/ARU/16/36/A in response to planning application LU/327/16/OUT remain extant.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely

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