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**Your Ref:** OWPC2828  
**Our Ref:** R/77/14/PL 07-04-2014  
**Please ask for:**  
Mrs A Gardner

28th May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**  
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)**

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Construction of extension to south side of church. This application affects the character and appearance of the Rustington Conservation Area (resubmission following R/188/13/).

Church of St Peter & St Paul The Street Rustington

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 28th May 2014 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

*In support of Planning Permission for extension*

*Church numbers are growing in the category of young families due to new initiatives for worship and social activities. The extension will provide the much needed extra space for parents/ grandparents and carers to be able to bring small children into the church as it will give space for a cr che facility next to an accessible toilet.*

*I am now a grandparent and have missed opportunities recently (and in the past when my children were very young) to worship in this church because there is no discrete space where toddlers and babies can go during the service. Our plan is to be able to broadcast the service into the newly built extension so that people can still take part in the service. I have watched young parents leave the church building because we have not been able to provide an appropriate space over the years.*

*This extension would also make it possible to have versatile space for small meetings; pastoral one to one meetings and social groups that need a confidential and comforting space within the body of the church but separate from the main space.*

*I urge the panel to consider the importance of church in the community and to help us to live out our commitment to the wider community in this way. We do not want to be a church only for one age group ; there is much evidence now that there are many younger families who agree with us. Statistics of families joining us in the Hall show that numbers are increasing but these families want to be part of the church in the church too. Our Statement of Need clearly states that this development has been central to our Vision. We believe that this is the time to do it and ask prayerfully for your support in our venture to make our church fit for purpose in 21st Century so that it can continue to serve the community as it needs to nowadays.*

*Thank you for your consideration*

*Kind regards*

*Liz Henderson*

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

Karl Roberts  
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