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To: <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Adur and Worthing Planning Team,

Following your guidance on your planning website we are sending this email regarding a planning consultation process.

The planning application and change of use is regarding Courtlands planning/LBC reference **AWDM/0629/26 and AWDM/0630/26**.

Although we are fully supportive of the school and its operation we would like to object to certain elements of its new plans. The first being the location of the new games area and the introduction of a basketball court. We feel its location so close to the entrance and so close to neighbouring properties needs revisiting as this is not the most pragmatic approach. Married with the loss of established flora and fauna to make way for the games area is a great shame. Referring to the biodiversity studies it seems there is a modest net loss and as such seems to be a wasted opportunity to enhance an existing green space. We note that some positive recommendations of the Arboricultural report have been incorporated (such as no-dig) however we disagree with the removal of the listed tree. At a minimum we would expect relocation rather than removal.

Can we also request an acoustic study is performed and submitted to measure the impact of the area to its neighbours.

We also cannot see any services drawings for the developments and how services will service the out building (external lighting, underground drainage, HVAC systems etc).

Can we also be provided with an anticipated traffic management plan for the increase of students. Whilst the parking on Parklands Avenue is currently palatable the increase in numbers needs to be predicted and circulated, and the document included within the application does not provide details.

We would also like to see the school provide some kind of long term vision plans as this piecemeal approach alongside retrospective applications does not give the neighbours confidence in supporting the good work that the school is doing. We agree there is an importance to providing suitable spaces for physical activity, and would welcome proposals that utilise the central open area of the property (southern elevation) with a more ecologically friendly design and offset, although we appreciate there may need to be additional groundwork done to achieve this.

In conclusion, we are grateful this heritage building is being used for a good purpose, and to undertake the ongoing custodianship is to be commended. Hand in hand with a considered set of proposals, there is opportunity to enhance the site in a sympathetic way that works with the surrounding area, to the benefit of all.

We look forward to receiving and reviewing the developed plans.

Best wishes