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Dear Mr Cantwell,

Meeting Hall 1 Birkdale Road, Worthing, West Sussex

Further to the Councils' letter dated 11 June 2025 (but received 23 June 2025), speaking with my neighbour Revd Meg Johnson (89 Durrington Lane) and the informative conversation that I had with you on Thursday 26 June 2025, I would like to make the following points:

1.
* There is no reference to Guild Care selling this property or that Simpson Electrical are buying/have bought it or if they will be leasing/renting it from Guild Care. The letter provided as evidence (Appendix A, from Guild Care to Jacobs Steel) has a handwritten signature, but not a typed name of the signatory or the position they hold in Guild Care.

2.
* No information has been provided regarding Simpson Electrical Solutions. I have found one company with a similar name in Tarring, Worthing but their website does not show any information regarding the scope of their operations and how many commercial vehicles are in their fleet. There is a Facebook page of the same company, but they haven't posted anything since 2020.

3.
The change of use to an office and ancillary storage:

* What is the Council/applicants definition of 'ancillary storage'?
* Is there to be a collection or delivery to this storage, and if so, how many vehicles and how often?
* Are there to be new security arrangements, such as security gates, lighting and alarms etc. and will these impact those residents that live the closest?

4.
Referencing the letter signed by ECE Planning LTD 'The Proposal' "The external hardstanding is to remain as existing for use as on site parking for staff, providing approximately 4no. spaces".

* Parking spaces can't be approximate, surely it needs to be an exact number. On the' Proposed Floor Plans' the illustration shows exactly 4 parking spaces.

Referencing the letter signed by ECE Planning LTD 'Parking and Transport' "... the proposed user does not intend for commercial vehicles of electricians to be parked on site for significant periods of time ... light commercial vehicles will access the site only for the incidental trips into the office. Parking on the site will serve administrative workers using the office space. No vehicles are proposed to be parked on site overnight".

* The 'Proposed Floor Plans' show 6 desk spaces and a meeting room for 8 people. The application states that the designated parking is for the administrative workers, so what is the provision for parking for all the other users: visiting electricians (light commercial vehicles), salesmen/visitors/customers (if applicable) etc. within the boundary?
* Are there restrictions regarding the number of people occupying an office building of this size?
(Note: the Meeting Hall had consent to remove the number of persons (65) occupying the meeting hall in 2002, as referenced in the letter signed by ECE PLanning LTD).
* What number does the applicant quantify to be of "low frequency of vehicle movements"?
* If there are no vehicles within the boundary overnight, does that mean they will all be parked at the homes of the drivers, or will any vehicles be parked in Birkdale Road overnight?

Durrington Lane is a busy road. Birkdale Road at the junction with Durrington Lane is the start of a residential area where there are no through roads (Birkdale Road, Ainsdale Road, Ainsdale Close, Crosby Close, Sefton Close, Birkdale Close). Everyone who lives in these roads has to drive along Birkdale Road onto Durrington Lane to get out and back along Birkdale Road to get home. The end of Birkdale Road by the Meeting Hall is mainly used for parking by residents who live in

Durrington Lane, as most residents don't have driveways and many households have more than one car. I have lived here a long time from when the Meeting Hall was used by the Plymouth Brethren and who never caused any parking issues. If I recall correctly, they utilised more designated parking spaces within the boundary than there is now and many of their congregation arrived on foot. Over the years I've experienced the rather tiresome issue of people parking across, or partially across my drive when visiting/dropping off at the Meeting Hall even for a short period of time because they're 'just dropping off' or 'just collecting' (Guild Care and before them, Scope). Regardless of the frequency that I use my drive, it is a drive none the less. In the past, blocking it for longer periods has caused difficulty for me and for my neighbour at number 91 with getting the turn she requires to reverse her car into her drive.

Adequate parking provision must be considered within the boundary so that it doesn't impact on an already difficult parking situation in Birkdale Road.

Yours faithfully,

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