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PLANNING SERVICES

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Adur & Worthing Council
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Tel: [redacted]

16th May 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

REF: 44 North Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 9AB

We currently occupy the building adjacent to the proposed site and are writing to ask that you consider our comments and objections in regards to the following planning applications.

Ref: AWDM/0617/16
Change of use Class A2 to Class A5 (Hot Food Takeaway) New Shopfront, Ventilation & Extraction equipment

The car park to the rear 44 North Road, serves a busy Children & Family Centre and Nursery School for children aged 0-5 years. The building requires constant access between the hours of 7.30am and 6.00pm daily. The nature of our work means that our staff team and partners (including Midwives and Health Visitors) use the centre as a main base to home visit and meet with local vulnerable families, and may need to leave at short notice.

Access to our car park is already an issue, with cars blocking the entrance to the driveway, and we feel that this will only increase with customers and delivery drivers accessing a busy takeaway outlet.
Even though the proposed work has not yet begun, the shop fitters/removals have already started to use the driveway to park their vehicles when they have been unable to use the lay-by to the front of the building. This is a serious cause for concern as emergency vehicles require access at all times.

North Road is already a busy road; and this additional concentration of traffic and roadside parking will create further problems and cause a safety hazard for our families.

Ref: AWDM/0508/16
Proposed separate self-contained new build 1 x 2 bed flat above existing single-storey rear extension.

Ref: AWDM/0474/16
Change of use and conversion of first-floor office and rear extension to form 1 x 2 beds flat.

With regards to the proposed conversion and the new construction of the flats, we feel that the building works will cause considerable disruption to our working environment, and access for our staff.

We also have grave concerns regarding the potential safety issues for the young children and families that use the centre. We feel that having significant building works in such close proximity to the nursery and centre, and the resulting hazards of noise and dust pollution needs to be fully considered.

Yours faithfully

Nicola Falvey
Children & Family Centre Co-ordinator

On behalf of Adur West Children & Family Centres