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PLANNING SERVICES

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Dear Peter

Application Number – AWDM/1716/15

As a local Lancing resident, I write to fully support the planning application submitted by The Community Stadium Ltd to construct a spectator stand to accommodate up to 500 people [including 6 wheelchair and helper positions] and a camera tower at the Club's Elite Performance Centre, Lancing.

My reasons for supporting the application are as follows [individuals to include or select from the following bullet points or add other positive comments]:

- The Football Club chose Lancing as its preferred location for its Elite Performance Centre, above other locations in the Greater Brighton area, which has helped promote sport and community development locally. It has placed Lancing and Adur on the national map.
- I have not experienced any significant noise or traffic congestion and the CCTV protects our streets in in the full knowledge the Football Club does not screen my property nor invade my privacy.
- The stand is essential for the club to maintain category 1 status, being a requirement of the U21 Premier League
- I have not experienced any noise impact from players or spectators or traffic using the facility
- There is adequate parking at the site to meet demand for parking, even at popular matches
- The suggested conditions limit the use of the stand to just 25 occasions per year, with an attendance of over 100.
- Love having the Club based on the estate. Brings a real buzz about the place.
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- We like the new activity they have created.

- The CCTV protects our streets but we know they screen views into dwellings and do not invade our privacy.

- They have created a significant number of local jobs for local people, even more than they predicted at the start of the planning for the centre. At the Elite Performance Centre they employ 121 full-time staff and 124 part-time and coaching staff. This equates to around 160 full time equivalent local jobs.

- Local residents have been key beneficiaries of these jobs and those at the American ExpressCommunity Stadium. Around 274 local people from the Lancing, Adur and Worthing area have secured jobs with the Football Club.

- Local businesses have also benefitted with the Football Club agreeing contracts with Adenstar Developments, Civil Engineering Practice, Overline and Nsure, all of whom are based in the Adur or Worthing areas.

- The Football Club, through its charitable arm Albion in the Community, has exceed its agreements set out in the Community Use agreement for the community pitch at the training Centre in Mash Barn Lane. This is alongside an annual subsidy of £60,000 that the Football Club pay to cover non recoverable running costs for the community pitch.

- It has become a vital facility for local community and sporting group charity. Each week the pitch is available for 86 hours. In its annual Community Use report, Albion in the Community have stated:

- During the first year of operation there have been 5,500 individual player visits with a total throughput of over 61,000. The facility is regularly used for AITC soccer schools (with bursaries available to local children), disability sport training, school football tournaments, women and girls' football training, AITC's football development Centre's and training and matches for grassroots clubs.

- In the last 12 months the pitch was used by 83 junior clubs and 33 local schools. It is available seven days a week. Priority is given to clubs, schools and groups in the Lancing area – with locally-based teams offered pitch hire at significantly reduced rates. Junior clubs who have benefited from regular use of the pitch include:

    - Lancing Town FC
    - ASC Strikers
    - Lancing FC
    - Lancing United
    - Shoreham FC
    - Sompting FC

The community pitch is also used on a weekly basis by a number of disability sports clubs

disability talent Centre's run by AITC on behalf of the Football Association.

The new jobs created and the commitment to community and sporting development make the Football a genuine asset for the people of Lancing and Adur.

Yours sincerely

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LOCAL RESIDENT