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Dear Ms O'Keeffe

**WORTHING SOCIETY CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

**PLANNING APPLICATION AWDM/1668/23 - 4 FARNCOMBE ROAD, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX BN11 2BE**

**Retrospective application for installation of 1 no. cooling unit on the northern elevation of Worthing Probation Office**

Thank you for requesting our comments in respect of the aforementioned retrospective application.

This red-brick Victorian building, formerly Sydney Lodge, is included on the Council's Local Interest List and has a prominent position within the Farncombe Road Conservation Area (CA).

The cooling unit on the tall, north facing elevation is clearly visible from the street as the property sits slightly forward of the building line. This unit also detracts from what appears to be an original basement window just visible at ground level. Although the garden area has long been given over to hard standing, the building still contributes positively to the CA.

We consider the new unit is out of character and harms the setting of both 4 Farncombe Road and that of the adjacent period property. It would be unfortunate if the siting of this cooling unit were to set a precedent for other properties as this would not enhance the CA.

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I have discussed the application with our Heritage Team and for the reasons stated we object to the application.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Susan Belton
Worthing Society Chair

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