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Dear Sir/Madam,

Buckingham Park School, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex
Non-material Amendment to WSCC/015/16/SU

This letter has been prepared in support of an application for a non-material amendment pursuant to Section 96A of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) in relation to application ref: WSCC/015/16/SU approved by West Sussex County Council on 8th June 2016 for the following development proposal:

"Erection of new 2 storey modular teaching block, improvement of car park and footpaths, extension of hard play area and construction of new canopy to the main entrance."

Background

The new teaching building was constructed pursuant to WSCC/015/16/SU. Since its operation, it has experienced water ingress resulting in considerable damage to the building. Further attempts at remedial works to the building's fabric have been unsuccessful, resulting in disruption to the learning environment for pupils at the school.

A two-stage approach was therefore identified to resolve the issue with minimal further disruption to the school. The first stage was to obtain planning permission for the construction of temporary classrooms on the existing play area at the north side of the school compound. An application was subsequently approved under application ref: WSCC/005/24. The second stage comprises the present application submission, to undertake minor alterations to the exterior of the building to address the issues identified.

Proposed Alterations

The package of works proposed as part of the application are as follows:

- **Raising window cills at ground and first floor level by approx. 300mm.**
- **Removing all rooflights to the main and lower roofs.**
- **Introducing standard rainwater gutters and replacement of the existing box gutter.**
- **Replacement cladding material (proposed colour palette to remain as existing).**
- **Introduction of cavity and insulation within external walls.**
- **Installation of replacement windows and doors (no new openings proposed).**

The proposed alterations are essential in preventing further damage to the building and ongoing disruption to the teaching environment at the school.

The installation of replacement cladding, windows and doors would not result in a material change to the external appearance of the building, as they comprise like-for-like replacements and will match the existing colour palette within the building. The works proposed represent very minor alterations that will not materially alter the existing character, appearance and functionality of the building.

The amendments proposed are therefore considered to constitute a non-material amendment to the scheme approved under WSCC/015/16/SU.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of the registration of this application, but should the County Council require any further information on this submission, then please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours faithfully,

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