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Portland House
44 Richmond Road
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Re: 13, South Street, Lancing. Reference No: PP-04685960

Planning Statement

Time Out Fostering is based mainly in Shoreham with some facilities at 15, South Street, Lancing, and we would like to bring all our services to one location in Lancing by leasing No 13 in addition to No 15. We currently have D1 planning permission at No 15.

Current use of No 13 is B1 (office), but the premises have been vacant for a year.
We propose to continue the use predominantly as offices, with daytime use of 3 of the rooms to facilitate supervised contact between children and non-resident parents. This is arranged at the request of the Local Authority (West Sussex County Council) or the court service (CAFCASS).

We would be transferring a number of staff from the Ropetackle Centre where we have been based for a number of years. We believe that being in Lancing will enhance our effectiveness by bringing staff together to share resources and expertise, and by its proximity to our other business, Springboard Education, which is now all based around the Penhill Centre.

It will also facilitate access for our foster carers and staff, several of whom prefer to use the train whenever possible. Staff are looking forward to the opportunity of using the shops and facilities in Lancing, as they will have easier access to services such as banking and the library. Families who visit the Centre generally travel by train, and would use the shops and cafes in the area before and after contact. We believe the footfall in the area would significantly increase without additional road traffic.

Contact between family members is supervised and well controlled, therefore not generating noise that might disturb the neighbours.

No external alterations would be required but we would like to remove one downstairs wall to make one larger room instead of two smaller ones. Experience indicates that the toilet facilities are adequate for the number of people using the building.

Ofsted Outstanding Fostering service 2013/2014

Time Out is a small local agency which responds to the needs of local families as identified by the County Council, Social Services and court services. We set up support services as required to make life better for the local community, working mainly with disadvantaged families. We are rated as Outstanding by Ofsted. Time Out would be more than pleased to welcome any councillors who would like to see how we operate to inform their decision making on this application.

Yours faithfully

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Judy Packham

Director
Time Out Fostering