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Dear Planning Team,

RE Worthing Society Consultation Response.

Please find attached the Society's Consultation Response in respect of Provident House, Grafton Road.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Susan Belton

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Dear Planning Enforcement Team,

WORTHING SOCIETY CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Provident House 50 Grafton Road Worthing West Sussex

Change of use from school (Class F1) to Children's Nursery (Class E (f))

Thank you for requesting our comments in respect of the above -mentioned Planning Application. Provident House is recorded on the Local Interest List and situated in the Chapel Road Conservation

Area. This Victorian building was a former 'soup kitchen' and there is a Blue Plaque to record this aspect of Worthing's social history.

I have now had the opportunity to review the application with our Heritage Team . We are pleased to note that there would be no change to the façade of the building as we consider it is important to retain the historical context of the building.

However, the comments raised by the Environmental Health Services Office as regards the facilities necessary for a nursery are a cause for concern. The lack of a proper kitchen, toilet facilities and the safe disposal of nappies as clinical waste will need to be addressed.

Furthermore, Ofsted apparently has requirements for schools and nurseries which the applicants are recommended to check. It is also unclear whether the applicant has a tenant in mind or decided on the number of children they propose to be accommodated. There will need to be internal changes which in view of the heritage status of the building should be carefully assessed.

Whilst we have no objection in principle to the change of use to give the building a sustainable future we consider the application does not contain sufficient detail. In our view the layout and necessary facilities to ensure a healthy, safe environment for operation as a nursery need fully resolving with the guidance of Ofsted before the application proceeds.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Belton

Worthing Society Chair