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Subject: RE: FW: Saxon House AWDM/0891/25
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Afternoon Louise

Thank you for progressing with the application and we would respond in saying there is no real loss of employment space at ground floor, the existing North wing of the building is an open plan and activity space, not office space at present, notwithstanding that the ground floor will still be providing employment throughout the area,

The proposal and planning application is to allow the building to be used (Class E) by a greater number of disabled people both as employees and visitors. The level of employed people contained in the building is not necessarily going to reduce. The nature of Guild Care's services which include dementia care, elderly care and people services for people with learning difficulties require one to one skilled staffing not including the ancillary and admin staff supporting retail, home care, residential care and financial advice. It may be a different type of employment than straight forward seated behind desks but a more skilled work force than the previous incumbent.

Guild Care had been searching for an appropriate site to expand their services for some time, Saxon House came on the market and its location and size was ideal for staff and visitor access and its proximity to their existing and retained facilities at Methold House. The office accommodation on ground and first floor, allow Guild Cares, wide skill base to be consolidated into one build. Over the past 6 months staff have been moving from numerous accommodation around Worthing to Saxon House as a strategy for **Holland House** to become Guild Cares headquarters.

Before Guild Care progressed with the purchase of the property last year, we sought Worthing planning judgement on its use as part office and day care facilities under Use Class E. The attached email from Gary Peck provided clear support of the proposed uses. This confirmation provided Guild Care with the comfort to make an important ''*business and investment decision*'' which did not conflict with Worthing Council's planning policy and was in accordance particularly with Policy DM11.

Hope the above provides a clear explanation for you to progress with determining the application. Please note I will be on leave from Friday if you have further questions, it would be helpful to cover these this week. Although I will be picking up messages.

Regards
Haydn