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Dear Mr Barnett

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER - AWDM/0236/19

As a local resident, I am writing to support Brighton & Hove Albion's planning application for an extension to their American Express Elite Football Performance Centre and New Club Hub in Lancing.

The reasons I am supporting this application are:

- The training ground in Lancing has been a huge success and is recognised nationally and internationally as one of the best in Europe. But to retain its place in the Premier League the club has to keep up with the latest developments in the areas of sports science and sports medicine and this is why the new facilities are needed.
- The club has already invested over £30m into the Lancing area, and this is a further investment of £22 million in the area.
- The club employs 275 people from the Adur and Lancing area and this development will create more jobs for local people.
- The Club Hub is needed to enable the club to develop women's and girl's football locally by providing dedicated facilities for their elite teams as well the club's Academy and Regional Talent Clubs.
- The community pitch has been a huge success. It is used by over 450 Sussex-based schools alongside over 30 grass roots junior teams.
- The community pitch is very popular and the number of people using it is increasing every year.
- This application will provide additional dedicated changing and toilet facilities for users of the community pitch, and a "Changing Places" toilet, which is specially designed for people living with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as people with other physical disabilities, such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis.
- This application also provides a dedicated classroom alongside the community pitch, which will enable Albion in the Community to increase the number of education programmes they run in the Adur and Lancing area using the power of football to engage young people and improve their numeracy, literacy levels and improve their confidence and self-esteem.

I request that Adur District Council approve this planning application.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Stephen Card

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