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For the Attention of Mr P Barnett
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Please could you forward these copies on to the councillors below: Cc Rod Horton, Angie Mills, Ben Stride, Janet Woodridge, Pat Beresford, Joanne Stone, Neil Terry, Keith Morgan, Fred Lewis and Brian Boggis.

22nd June 2009

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Re: Meeting @ 7pm on 22nd June 2009 in connection with 42 Sompting Road, Lancing.

We have just received feedback from Mrs Griffith of No: 40 and we understand there remained concerns in connection with the fully fitted kitchen and bathroom to this property at the rear of the garden.

We also wholeheartedly feel that for a hobby room/gym/workshop that these facilities are totally unnecessary, due to the fact that it is so close to the main building, which also has a ground floor toilet and the kitchen opens out onto the garden.

We are still **extremely concerned** of the fire risk that this poses to our cattery not two metres away, with due respect we have a **great responsibility** for **other peoples pets.**

We also feel that leaving this property intact, as a self contained dwelling, that it could prove far too tempting for existing tenants

and guests, (please note this is no longer a family home but now has tenants renting rooms) not to use this accommodation for entertaining and allowing the property to be used for sleeping etc.

For us, this, if approved will always be a worry for the future and what this property may or may not be used for.

The owner has already shown dishonesty, this property may or may not have had a tenant, but from November through to March, being separated from the main building at the time, while seeing to the cats in our care, we could definitely hear **someone living** in the property, the previous tenants also told me that their electric bill was extortionate (in excess of £700.00) and on speaking to the owner were made aware that somebody was in the building and he apparently contributed towards the bill. They then negotiated at an extra £350 per month to take on the building and extend the garden once again as they felt the garden was too small for the size of the property and having four young children required a bigger garden, this was not offered at the beginning of their tenancy.

There are issues with the drains, these were blocked when the property was in use, the previous tenant consistently used our hose to unblock them over a 3 month period, three to four times a week, this was not a one off baby wipe problem!
The owner was also present and showed around with the tenants the property to L.C Accommodation for foreign students, he was fully aware what the tenants intended to do with it. They then proceeded to house foreign students as young as 11 without being supervised and with a fully fitted kitchen with built-in oven and hob! **PLEASE DO NOT TELL US THIS WAS NOT A FIRE RISK!**

The meeting pointed out that the building must not be used for commercial business, surely if the main building is already a commercial project then would this gym/hobbyroom/workshop not also be part of this commercial enterprise?

The issue is not simply an approval of planning for a gym/hobbyroom/workshop. The issue is the intent to date and in the future of the (out of town) builder wishing to make as much

money as possible, this property will very likely have people living in this very soon.

Please tell us what re-dress should the terms of this approval be broken.
Please consider the impact that this building poses to our personal lives and our business ones.

Yours faithfully

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Mr P A & Mrs J E Smith

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