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We have only just received your letter of 17 February. Unfortunately, the letter was delayed in reaching us, hence the missed deadline for response within 21 days but we hope our concerns can still be noted.

We are happy to see the plans for the new leisure centre are taking shape but we do have to register our concerns about parking and the approach to the Leisure Centre. The building is to be built in what is currently used as our college grounds and although we support the build and would be happy to see the facilities in place, we do have concerns for the safeguarding of our pupils if the current specifications remain in place. We are a PRU and on the Lancing site we offer educational programmes for primary and secondary pupils who are not managing within their mainstream settings, as well as educational provision for those with medical needs.

Children attending our Centres require small group support, sometimes 1:1 supervision, and are more vulnerable than the average school age child. Pupils can be extremely challenging, volatile and in some case there may be child protection concerns whereby court orders are in place to ensure approach from certain adults is restricted. The behaviour and individual issues are currently managed effectively by the staff on site but we are concerned that the joint public access to both our college and the new build will present us with quite significant difficulties in dealing with the risks involved.

Alongside the safety of our pupils, we are also concerned at the increase in parking that will be required as it would appear that there are no considerations in place to cope with the increase in car parking required for what is already a very busy car park.

We have discussed our concerns with Electric Storm Youth who have promised to note our concerns and speak to their Project Manager. As stated, we have no objection to the build itself, we believe this to be a worthwhile project, but we also believe that shared access to the building will create a risk to pupils and visitors accessing the college which cannot be ignored.

Regards
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