

Joseph Swift

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Sent: 14 December 2023 10:14
To: Joseph Swift
Subject: Planning Application DM/23/2610

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Dear Mr Swift

I write on behalf of the West Sussex County Council acting as Corporate Parent of the children who live in Orchard House which is adjacent to the development site subject to the planning application DM/23/2610

Under the 1989 Children Act, as West Sussex County Council we are charged with safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children we care for. These comments are submitted in the Council's role as Corporate Parent and represent the voice of the child.

Orchard House, located on Hanlye Lane close to the proposed development, is an Ofsted-registered children's home operated by West Sussex County Council, that at any time is home to up to 16 children with learning difficulties, with many others also receiving daytime support there

In their statement of 23rd May 2023, the Minister of State for Housing and Planning reiterated the importance of considering the needs of children in care as a part of planning process.

As part of our statutory duties towards the children living at Orchard House, the Council also provides transport to and from school - for children who may struggle with transitions as a part of their needs, this is a critical part of each day which can cause significant distress if delayed or disrupted - this is evidenced by the ongoing disruption that the home and its children have already experienced as a direct result of other new developments in the area. Hanlye Lane is a very busy road at times and as Corporate Parent we have concerns that during construction of this site there will be significant disruption in the area.

Due to these concerns we ask that:-

- The Construction Management Plan should set out times for delivery of materials which avoid key drop off and collection times for the children who live in Orchard House, the times would be between 8am and 9am and between 3pm and 4 pm
- The Construction Management Plan should require regular liaison with Sue Wadey Manager of Orchard House – contact by email sue.wadey@westsussex.gov.uk to ensure that there is advance warning of any road closures or disruption.

Please redact the name and contact details of the Orchard House Manager.

From
West Sussex County Council Corporate Parent

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