



Dear Officer,

Subject: Land at Foxhole Farm DM/25/11298

I am writing to you on behalf of Kangaroos Charity, an Adult and Children's Learning Disabilities Charity based locally in Mid Sussex. As a local charity, we would like to put our full support behind the planning application on Land at Foxhole Farm (DM/25/11298)– which would provide a permanent home for Kangaroos Charity.

Kangaroos was established in 1994 by a small group of parents who wanted their children with learning disabilities to be able to access after school activities. They set up a play scheme and Kangaroos was born.

In 2024, we celebrated 30 years of Kangaroos and from our small beginnings we now have over 400 members and run over 450 sessions a year, all year-round, supporting pre-schoolers, children, young people and adults.

Though we started as a children's charity, it made sense that we grew along with our members. That's why we offer social clubs and activities for people with learning disabilities from childhood into adulthood.

We have remained dedicated to growing to meet the needs of our community and today, Kangaroos has a waiting list of over 80 families - reflecting the significant and growing need for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services locally. In order to meet the growing need, we require the security of a permanent home and a larger, purpose-built premises – to enable us to deliver high-quality support to more children and young people with learning disabilities and enhance the experience and services we provide to our existing members.

We are therefore delighted to be working with Wates to bring forward a bespoke, purpose-built Community Hub for our members, designed specifically for children and adults with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) – less than 15 minutes from our current base, ensuring we remain locally accessible to our current members. Furthermore, the Hub would be built to the latest energy-efficient standards, enabling us to make savings on our current operating costs and helping support the long-term vitality of the charity. Kangaroos firmly believe these plans represent the right opportunity – Foxhole Farm having been identified as a suitable location for new homes, community facilities and public open space by Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) in the emerging Local Plan. We have enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with the Wates team on the design of the new Community Hub, which is set to include activity rooms, a learning kitchen, sensory gym and facilities for running a pop-up shop and café. Additionally, we are extremely excited about the location of the new facility which will enable our members to benefit from on-site facilities including open space, an outside playground area, outdoor teaching areas and allotments.

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Kangaroos is very excited to be partnering with Wates and the prospect of delivering a new bespoke community hub at Bolney. We believe this opportunity could make such a difference to the lives of many families in Mid Sussex, providing the charity with a home for life, alongside the many wider community benefits.

We hope you will take this letter into consideration.

Kindest regards,

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