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Subject: RE: DM/24/2922 - Hollyrood House, Ardingly Road, Lindfield

Hi Jo,

Thanks for your email on the above application, with regards to the queries, which were raised by Members at Committee on this application on Local Community Infrastructure and play space contributions.

I have spoken to the Parish Clerks at Lindfield Parish Council and Lindfield Rural parish Council on this, and they have liaised with their parish councillors.

Play Space

The comments dated 23 December 2024 from Elaine Clarke on play space contributions state:

“Hickmans Lane, owned and managed by the Council, is the nearest locally equipped play area to the development site. This facility will face increased demand from the new development and a contribution of £27,618 is required to make improvements to play equipment (£15,010) and kickabout provision (£12,608).”

The planning guidance in operation at the time of the application in 2024 included the “Development Infrastructure and Contributions” Supplementary Planning Document (July 2018). This advises, with regards to play space contributions, that Locally Equipped Areas of Play (LEAPs) (play areas for smaller children) should be located within 400m of the development and play space for older children (Neighbourhood Equipped Areas of Play or NEAPs) should be located within 1000m of the development at para A2.10. Hickmans Lane play area is located approximately 1400m south of the development site, and Lindfield Common is situated approximately 1700m from the development site.

The “Development Infrastructure and Contributions” Supplementary Planning Document is planning guidance, and to my knowledge, the developer has not raised an issue with regards to the seeking of play space contributions at Hickmans Lane. It is also the case that Hickmans Lane and Lindfield Common are the two closest play areas to the development, and the development itself is not providing on-site play facilities or kickabout provision. Therefore, given this and the desire of the Parish Council to progress a project at Lindfield Common providing accessible play space for local residents, I consider it appropriate to amend the request for play space provision to: “A contribution of £27,618 is required to make improvements to play equipment (£15,010)

and kickabout provision (£12,608) at either Hickmans Lane play area or Lindfield Common”.

Local Community Infrastructure

The Parish Clerk for Lindfield Rural has confirmed that the project for “Scaynes Hill Common car park provision and maintenance” has been completed by the parish council with other funds. It does therefore not require to be included within the local community infrastructure developer contributions request.

Instead, Lindfield Parish and Lindfield Rural Parish Councils would like to request the following be included as options for projects within the parishes of Lindfield and/or Lindfield Rural under “local community infrastructure” for the contribution of £12,572:

- Routes for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians and/or
- Local signage and/or
- Burial Grounds and/or
- New Speed Indicators and/or
- Allotment provision and/or
- Bus Shelters – new or replacement and/or
- Public Right of Way and/or
- Telephone Kiosk Box on Lindfield High Street – a project to install a defibrillator

I trust this is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards
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From: Joanne Fisher <Joanne.Fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>
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Morning Mark,

Hope you are well.

I have the above application for alterations to the existing buildings and hardsurfaces to allow for a change of use from Class C2 (residential institution) use to a Class C3 (dwellinghouse) use to provide 19 dwellings (3 no. 1-bed flats, 14 no. 2-bed flats, and 2 no. 3-bed two storey dwellings). Members resolved to approve the application at committee yesterday. However, there was a request that the projects identified for the LCI and play space contributions be reviewed. The Local Ward Member advised that the LCI contribution which is towards Scaynes Hill Common car park provision and maintenance should be amended as the car park works have been undertaken. It was requested by another member that the play space contributions should be revised from Hickmans Lane to Lindfield Common as they consider that Hickmans Lane is not a priority whereas the Common requires monies for their play spaces.

Are you able to advise whether this would be possible so that the legal agreement can be updated to reflect the members request? I have attached for your information Elaine's comments to the application as well as that from the Parish Council.

It was requested by a member whether monies for the LCI could be spent towards bus shelters in Lindfield.

I would be grateful if this could be reviewed and a response provided as soon as possible so that I can advise the Chairman and Vice Chair and also legal so that the matter can be progressed.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

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