

BH2018/00248 – PATCHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Councillors: Geoffrey Theobald, Carol Theobald and Lee Wares

Please accept this letter as our SUPPORT for the above application.

Patcham High School is within the single school catchment area for Patcham and Hollingbury and surrounding areas. The proposal to provide state-of-the-art facilities is welcomed and will serve the best interests of students for decades to come. As the proposal will improve young people's health and wellbeing, improve their sporting capabilities, will offer a wider range of sports and for those sports to be available all year round we hope that the application is granted permission. At present, many outdoor sporting activities are prevented during parts of the year due to the wet ground conditions of the grassed playing fields.

Further, the proposal will benefit the wider community providing local facilities that presently do not exist. Equally, once the facilities have been paid for, revenue will go to the school that will continue to be used in improving skills and life-chances for students.

However, it is acknowledged that the proposal may have some effect on the local area and to that end we would wish the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to apply the following conditions. We understand that the applicant is willing to agree these

conditions alongside others that the LPA consider appropriate.

1. That the school's on-site parking areas are made available for the public to use when accessing the library and Patcham Community Centre for the out-of-school hours periods that the proposed facilities are open.
2. That via s106 agreements the school funds the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to improve parking and no parking restrictions in Ladies Mile Road, Warmdene Road and Winfield Avenue better to manage on-street parking and enforcement.
3. That via s106 agreements the school funds the provision of a pedestrian crossing over Winfield Avenue adjacent to Jasmine Court to improve pedestrian safety and encourage walking to the new facilities.
4. That via s106 agreements the school funds the provision of real-time bus information to surrounding bus stops including Patcham Village to enhance sustainable travel and encourage the use of public transport when using the facilities.

In considering the application, we would ask that the LPA seeks confirmation that the existing flood mitigation measures including existing soakaways and natural water run-off that protect and serve neighbouring properties will not be affected. Should the Council consider refusing permission for this application, we request that it is brought to Planning Committee for determination where we reserve our right to speak to our letter and the application.

