

Cllr. Peter Atkinson

BH2018/02440 – Foredown Woods, Foredown Allotments

30/11/2018:

I am writing in support of the above-named application.

The organiser, Lucy Collins, has been very proactive in seeking advice and help throughout the whole planning process in order to be as open and transparent as possible.

Many of the children attending Bee in the Woods are younger residents of North Portslade and their parents are extremely supportive of this project.

I have visited the site on a number of occasions and have always been impressed with the professionalism and commitment of Lucy and her staff and there was very little noise each time I visited.

In terms of weekends, my understanding is that the nursery will only operate on one Saturday a month and not on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

My colleague Cllr Les Hamilton has visited recently and he confirms that there is no food kept or stored on the premises. The kids bring their own lunch and any unused food is carefully taken away and disposed of.

When I first visited the staff had been busy filling two skips full of rubbish that had been fly tipped on this site and they have done much to enhance and improve the site since.

They are very careful and considerate neighbours in terms of the nearby allotments.

Lucy has been very keen to meet and speak with any resident that has a problem with the nursery and has extended invitations to a number of people.

She would be more than willing to look at how any difficulties can be overcome.

I would therefore, respectfully, ask that the planning committee support this interesting, educational and progressive activity.

