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**Subject:** RE: Planning Application WSCC/041/23 at 57 Ardsheal Road, Gaisford, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7RN

Dear Planning Team

Thank you for advising me of these plans, which I fully support. As the fire Service no longer needs the property I can not think of any greater use of West Sussex assets than to house vulnerable children in need of emergency accommodation in Broadwater, or anywhere. I am also a Worthing Borough councillor and work in the housing team, so I am very much aware of housing needs. Keeping local children safely housed will always have my support, albeit it initially as emergency or temporary accommodation. If we can house children close to their schooling or colleges and keep community ties it has to be a huge benefit to their wellbeing at a time of tremendous insecurity facing homelessness.

Am I able to ask how many children will be living here? Will this be as a care home with staff or for children with their families/carers? What age group will this cater for and will it be for any particular cohort of children? I ask the last question because it will be located next to the fire station and many children with additional needs such as autism have sensory needs, so the sirens could be literally quite alarming to the resident's. It is also located by a very busy road, so will there be safety measures for the entrance/exit to prevent anyone running straight out to the road?

Many thanks for considering my support and questions.

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