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The Annexe Highcombe Edge Tilford Road Hindhead GU26 6SJ

Re Application for change of use from C1 to D1(h)

This application is in respect of the Annexe building which is a detached two storey building situated towards the rear of and within the curtilage of Highcombe Edge.

Highcombe Edge is the subject of a recent planning consent, WA/2008/0540 for change of use from Training Centre use Class C2 to Educational facility Use Class D1(c). The main building at the property is currently undergoing refitting and will open as a school run by Three Counties Education Trust in September 2008.

The Annexe adjoins the car park at the property and gives every appearance of having been originally constructed as staff accommodation or coach house. More recently it has been adapted internally to provide bedroom accommodation as part of the training centre. By virtue of its location, layout and condition it is unsuitable for educational use as part of the school which has no need for it.

The South Downs Gospel Trust is a related charitable trust to the Three Counties Education Trust but with a responsibility to provide for places of Christian worship. At the moment the Trust have no meeting room for families from the school living in Hindhead and Grayshott

It is proposed to use the Annexe as a meeting room for Christian worship, in particular The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on Sunday mornings and a Prayer Meeting on Monday evenings. There will be no social functions connected with this use, no use of amplified music or musical instruments and there will be no lettings to other users. There is adequate means of escape and any necessary facilities for disabled persons will be provided

Those living in Hindhead will be able to walk to the property; those in Grayshott will use private cars or cycle. There is no available public bus service for this journey. Cars will be parked in the adjoining school car park where there will be ample space available and will be used out of school hours. It is unlikely that more than 5 or 6 spaces will be used at any given time and these are shown on the plans submitted with this application.

It is considered that the proposed use of the building for D1(h) use is similar to the extant planning consent on the entire site for D1(c)[WA/2008/0540] and in accordance with Policies CF1 and RD5 of the Waverley Borough Local Plan (2002)

There will be no external changes to the building or to the existing landscaping or trees around the building and no change to the visual amenities of the area. The scale of use will be relatively low and the property is some distance away and well screened from residential properties. Any external activity and vehicular movements will be minimal and less than the C1 and D1(c) uses already available to the building.

Signed

Date 13.08.08

for,
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