

Our Ref:	Tc/scb	Your Ref:
E-Mail:	tom.crowley@horsham.gov.uk	Direct Line: 01403 215101
If calling please ask for:	Tom Crowley	Date: 2 July 2012

Dear Marion

I write further to the consideration of planning application DC/12/0940 for the installation of a skateboard facility at the Memorial Playing Fields, Charlton Street, Steyning on 19 June by the Development Control (South) Committee.

As you may be aware, there has been a considerable amount of interest and concern in the application with many representations received both for and against the application. There is clearly a split in the community regarding the proposal and it is apparent not only the objectors, but also many of the supporters, believe that a site at Steyning Grammar School is vastly more appropriate. In that regard, therefore, it is almost certainly the case that a site at the school is the only possible location where widespread community support could be achieved.

Against that background, therefore, the Committee resolved that a further request be made to the school relating to the possibility of the provision of a skateboard facility on the school site. The Council is well aware of the extremely successful relationship that exists between the school and leisure centre management and it is considered that the group who wins the new leisure centre franchise could also take care of the skateboard facility so that there was no increased impact upon the school in terms of security, insurance, use and maintenance. The school would have no more responsibility than it does for the fitness suite and the swimming pool.

I would therefore be grateful if you would accept a visit from the Chief Executive and the Cabinet Member to discuss with you a fresh approach to the possibility of a site at the school in light of developments in leisure provision and funding throughout the District. I would be grateful for your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



Tom Crowley
Chief Executive

Ms Marion Gue
Chairman of the Governing Body
Steyning Grammar School
Shooting Field
STEYNING
West Sussex BN44 3RX