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Dear Mr Saunders,

Re:- SDNP/19/00832/FUL - Midhurst bowling Club, June Lane, Midhurst.

I understand that you have received recent correspondence from S106 Management with reference to the above application. I have been asked to write to you to explain how Midhurst Bowling Club intends to obtain additional funding in order to construct the new Club, now that the value of our existing site has been reduced by the need of social housing being included in the proposed development.

The reduction in value does make the task of raising additional money harder, but as a Club we are confident that we will succeed. As you know the Bowls Club has been trying to sell its present site in June Lane for a number of years. Back when Affinity Sutton had submitted their planning application for eight houses and were about to be granted planning permission the Bowls Club knew that extra financial aid would be required in order to complete the new club. Grant applications were made to Sport England and the Boltini Trust and these were successful to the sum of £30,000. Following the withdrawal of Affinity Sutton from the scheme and the unsuccessful first planning application by Kudu Investments the grant money received from the Boltini Trust had to be returned because we could not proceed with the new Club the Club had to withdraw from the Sport England grant.

During all this time the Club has been receiving advice and guidance from Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester [VAAC] about submitting grant applications and the bodies and organisations who give grants for projects such as that planned. Initially advice was also obtained from Chichester District Council. Grant applications were made to West Sussex County Council and some other organisations, but these were not successful because Planning Permission had not been granted for the proposed development on the Club's existing site. All the organisations that we have approached have said to re-apply when planning permission has been granted to the Developer.

It is clear from our experience so far and the advice that we have been given that there is the money available that would complete the new Club, but planning permission has to be granted on the Club's new site as well as its existing site before further grant applications can be made that have any chance of success. It would be of a great help to the Club if the social housing requirement is removed from the present planning application as this would increase the value of the site and more emphasis given to the benefits that a new modern bowls club, with a full size rink and car parking would give to the community and town of Midhurst and the surrounding area.

Yours sincerely

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Treasurer Midhurst Bowling Club