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10 June 2015

For the attention of Pippa Greenway, Planning Officer

Dear Mrs Greenway

**Reference: Planning application number 15/0104**

**Proposed use of premises as a children's indoor play centre within Use Class D2 at 71 Moor Park Avenue, Blackpool, FY2 0LZ**

I write in connection with the above planning application. I wish to offer my support to the proposal and for it to be included and brought to the attention of the Planning Committee.

I am aware that the Planning Officer has recommended that the Committee reject this planning application but has suggested that a temporary change of use for a period of five years be considered. Having had the opportunity of personally discussing this with Mr Tate, in which I thoroughly read the planning statement submitted, I believe this is a venture that will produce wide-ranging significant economical benefits to the immediate local vicinity and Blackpool as a whole.

Although the application contravenes Policy DE1 of the LEA's Local Plan (land reserved only for industrial use only), I believe recent planning precedents and guidance provided by the National Policy Framework (NPPF) should favourably outweigh any concerns the Committee or the Planning Officer may have about the application.

I understand the unit has been vacant since 2006 and although it has been advertised, there have been few considerable and viable offers made for use of the unit. The NPPF advises that local planning policies should, where possible, avoid long-term protection of sites allocated for employment use where there is no reasonable prospect of a site being used for that purpose. I believe that other uses of the site should be considered given the site has been unoccupied for 9 years. I do not, therefore, have any concerns that granting this application would result in the 'potential loss of employment land'.

I would kindly ask that you to take into account the recent precedent in which the Committee approved, and in doing so diverted from the LEA's Local Plan, the use of the former TVR building on Bristol Avenue to an ice



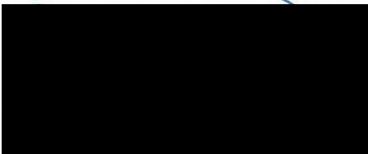
skating centre - I have no doubt the same employment and economical benefits brought to the local area by allowing such will also be true should this application be granted approval.

Mr Tate has carefully considered alternative available D2 & B1/2/8 premises to let but none are considered suitable for the reasons stated in the Planning Statement. I share Mr Tate's reservations and I do not think the listed premises are appropriate or financially viable for a children's indoor play centre. The desire for such a business on the site is evident from the results of the research questionnaire provided to 200 local residents and the fact, as far as I am aware, there have yet been no objections by residents to the planning application. Mr Tate also has the support from Ingthorpe Councillors, Amy Cross and Kath Rowson.

I firmly believe Mr Tate has taken into account all the necessary aspects and eventualities relating to the development and I am satisfied Mr Tate has put together a meticulously and detailed prepared application, which I am sure the Committee will no doubt be as impressed with as I am.

Please note my support and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely

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