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Attn. Rob Sims
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8.2.12

Dear Rob,

Magistrates Court - Temporary Change of use to offices F/12/70218

Steve Nangreave met with us today and handed me your letter of the 8.2.2012 requesting further information related to this change of use application.

We note that we have already replied to your initial request produced on review of the application in your letter of the 17.1.12, sent by email on the 20.1.12.

Herewith are the answers to the questions you raise as far as can be given to you at this time:

1. There are to be no alterations to the internal arrangement or the external arrangements at the building.
2. The college wish to use the office areas in the existing building for use for administration functions for a restricted period whilst making alterations to their own premises on their Chestnut Avenue site. The college have inspected the building and the functions concerned can be accommodated without alteration of the building structure, elevations or access points. The period is likely to be less than a year. The college have been advised by your officers that they need temporary planning permission for this.
3. There are no changes to access or parking or bicycle arrangements. There are no changes to the bin store arrangements.
4. The college intend to relocate approximately 70 staff. These staff have administrative functions and will not carry out teaching in this building. The arrangement is required whilst the college are carrying out a new building project and removing temporary buildings on their own site.
5. The building will not be accessed by students or the general public.

You have requested a further site layout and internal scale plan of the existing building. We have requested this of the owners of the building (Eastleigh Borough Council). The Council (Charles Harvey is dealing) have confirmed that no internal scale plan is available. As no alterations are planned, we cannot see why this would assist in the resolution of a decision on the change of use of the building. If the

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college are required to prepare such drawings they will need to procure these and the delay and cost of these may prohibit the continuation of the application and the lease of the building itself, as there is a timescale for decanting the college existing accommodation to enable the new building at the College to be completed for the autumn of 2012.

The college are very anxious to complete the Magistrates Court short term lease, to enable them to decant their staff and seize the opportunity to develop the proposed new building on their own site for the benefit of the community. We believe that the Council as the new owners of the Magistrates Court are similarly keen to complete the lease before the beginning of the 2012/13 financial year.

In view of all of the above we ask that you reconsider the need for further drawings. Please contact me urgently if you have queries relating to this.

Yours sincerely,

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