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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Nursery Rhymes –Langstone Technology Park, Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1SA. Ofsted
URN: EY422863

I am writing in support of the above named childcare provision's application for a change of planning conditions. I have been given the impression that the application seeks permission for parents who do not work at the Langstone Retail Park to access the on site childcare provision.

My role is to coordinate private, voluntary, independent and statutory partners to provide early education and childcare for children aged 0 -5 in line with parental demand and in response to the statutory duty placed on local authorities through the Childcare Act 2006 and the Apprentices, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009.

Providing sufficient childcare is also in line with the Havant Borough Local Children Partnership's aims of:

- Access to work and reducing the proportion of children living in poverty (through increased take up of formal childcare in order to access work – including low income families)
- Improved educational achievement of vulnerable groups (through the provision of high quality early years provision)

Our data shows there is an under supply of spaces for children aged 0 – 3 in the Hayling East and Hayling West wards. With the population for this age group forecast to stay constant then this issue will persist into the future. Although the above named provision is located in the St Faith's ward it is close enough to Hayling Island for parents from that area to access its services meeting the demands for the area and therefore I support their application.

Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Children's
Services
John Coughlan, CBE

I hope this information is helpful in aiding your decision and would be happy to discuss the data in more detail.

Yours faithfully

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