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Dear Ms Boyd

**PLANNING APPLICATION CB/14/04048/FULL:
FORMER PIG UNIT, HITCHIN ROAD, FAIRFIELD PARK**

We have read with interest the Committee Report on the above planning application, which we understand is due to be considered by the Development Management Committee on Wednesday 22nd July. Having been in dialogue with the applicant previously in respect of the delivery of affordable housing on this site, we would wish to underline the following:

- (i) We are aware of the comparatively low level of affordable housing need in Fairfield, and that only 5 households are currently on the Council's waiting list;
- (ii) Having had regard to local housing need data, we support the proposed small family houses (2 and 3 bedrooms) proposed by the developer;
- (iii) We are pleased to note the high quality of architecture that the scheme proposes, and that this design quality extends to the proposed affordable units which our view would be indistinguishable from market sale properties.

For the reasons set out above, we support this application and its proposed provision of 5 shared-ownership affordable homes.

Yours sincerely



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