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For attention of:
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Your ref:
20/01193/FUL

11-13 Purser House, Tulse Hill Estate, SW2 – Proposed Changes:

Dear Miss Shallcross,

Thank you for your recent letter about the above application.
The Society's comments are as follows:

Change of Use:

The Design & Access Statement fails to explain why the previous use is being discontinued. We assume that the community centre role is now fulfilled by the modern building on the south-western boundary of the estate, but it is far from clear if any arrangements are in place to continue nursery care provision on or near the estate.

Historic Background:

Within the Design & Access Statement, para 4.2 is inaccurate. Nos. 11-13 were built from the outset as an Infant Welfare Centre operated by the then London County Council, within the first phase of the estate completed by 1939. The centre was transferred to Lambeth in 1965. The change to community centre use appears to follow from the re-organisation of local health services in 1974. It is not clear when the nursery function was added.

External Changes:

The provision of the platform lift and the removal of the old window guards are both welcome changes.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary