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Mrs A Gardner
Planning Services, Arun District Council
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Monday 23rd July 2018

Dear Mrs Gardner,

Support for Proposed Dementia care facility (Application Ref CM/16/18/PL)

HMT is a Charitable Trust part of whose mission is to provide high quality care for older people in hospitals and care homes across England and Wales. We aim to deliver the highest standard of healthcare in a holistic way – we are an ethical, not for profit organisation and CQC registered.

HMT Care Homes provide a home-from-home, with sector leading accommodation, support and genuine care for our residents with a particular focus on caring for people with dementia. Our objective is to help our residents to keep their independence and live a normal and happy life for as long as possible. We do this by supporting relevant scientific and social research and we are funding a growing programme of research with a current focus on dementia treatment and care.

There is an acute need for specialist dementia accommodation in Arun, where the average age of the population is ageing but where dementia care accommodation has not kept apace. The opportunity to develop a bespoke, flagship Dementia Care Centre near Littlehampton is very exciting. The Home would be Admiral Nurse led and would also function as a centre of excellence for the dissemination of best practice care, education and research throughout the local community.

We have chosen Brackley Investments to deliver this new facility due to their track record in developing for charitable trusts. The chosen site is ideal as it is accessible for staff and visitors, and reasonably prominent yet suitably serene to allow residents to feel at home and gain confidence.



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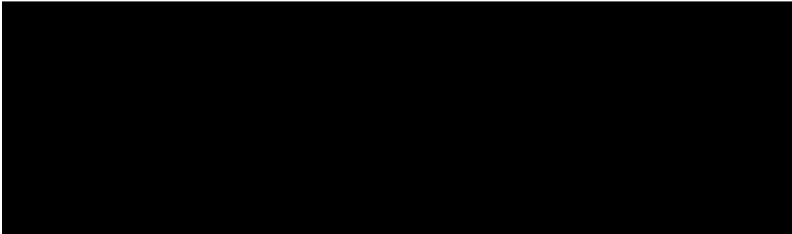
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The location is further aided by its proximity to local facilities including restaurants and hotels / B&Bs for visitors, whilst residents would no doubt benefit from the opportunity afforded for day trips to the seaside while staff would greatly benefit from a good bus service on the doorstep.

Contemporary dementia care design involves encouraging residents to live as part of a small community of 16 people, where carers stay with one group of people so they too become part of this community. 16 bedrooms is an optimum as larger numbers can be unsettling for residents and this provides the most effective staffing ratio. The proposal provides two such households on two storeys, totalling 64 bedrooms which is a viable scale of development enabling fees to be affordable.

The new facility would provide significant employment (64 FTE jobs), from management and carers to kitchen, laundry and maintenance staff, all of whom are offered training and career advancement.

I fully endorse the submitted plans and would ask you to do likewise.



Tony Barrett
Chief Executive