

As a retired social worker I have concerns about this development of supported living units which appears to be purely speculative.

From the comment of Julie Clarke of Housing, it is apparent that the developers have not specified a particular client group. She notes that there are 228 people on the housing waiting list, for 1 bedroom accommodation who are are vulnerable due to various disabilities and other issues.

While an increase in supported living accommodation is generally to be welcomed, it is important that this should be done in association with a specialist housing and care provider who can ensure that the accommodation will meet the needs of prospective residents. The flats are tiny which would be problematic for some people e.g although there will be a lift, lack of room space would make this prohibitive for a wheelchair user.

Such accommodation should also be affordable to rent, reflecting the financial circumstances of most client groups.

In the first place, Havant should be consulting with Hampshire County Council Adult Services for their advice.

I would be grateful if you could send me acknowledgement of this email.

Regards