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Dear Mrs Hayward

South Africa Lodge, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville – Variation of Condition Applications

I refer to your emails prompted by Environmental Health's consultation response to the applications.

I must first stress that my client is conscious of the needs of his neighbours for a peaceful environment and accepts responsibility for ensuring this. That is why there is already an Admissions Protocol in place which my client abides by and which he will continue to do so should the applications be successful in allowing the admission of younger persons. Noisy patients are already relocated further away from housing. In other words there are already safeguards in place to minimise disturbance to adjacent residents.

Regardless of this, the fact remains that the nursing home is well established and therefore any consideration in planning terms should be whether the admission of younger patients would be of benefit to the individual patients concerned and to the community at large by providing much needed and essential health facilities balanced against any effects on the environment.

In regard to the latter my client is not aware of any evidence available to show a correlation between noise and the age of patient. As far as he is aware there is no scientific evidence to support the hypothesis that younger patients will be any noisier than older patients. Indeed, in his medical experience and from operating another nursing home which admits younger patients this is dependent on the individual patient concerned and is not age related.

As to the potential for disturbance by music, my client's patients to do not listen to music for the reason they do not chose it, but again listening to music is not age related and, in the event that a patient did want to listen to music he/she would be given earphones so as not to disturb the other patients.

In terms of traffic generation, my client advises that as the total number in the Nursing Home remain the same it is not anticipated that there would be an increase in staff, visitors and service traffic (Details of traffic movements are set out in the Green Travel Plan).

For these reasons my client does not consider that a 106 Agreement is justified on planning grounds to control the ratio of patients' ages.

I trust this information is sufficient for your needs.

Yours sincerely

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