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Dear Ms McMurray

Reference Number: (APP/17/00633)

I am personally interested in planning permission being granted for Orchard House, Western Avenue, Emsworth.

Emsworth is lacking in retirement living accommodation and I think many of the elderly and not so elderly would relish living in a place such as being offered by McCarthy & Stone.

I have seen several of their retirement homes based in the south of England and all have been well built offering several services including a safe and secure environment, enabling residents to continue to live an active and independent life.

The flats are built to generous internal space standards. There are many emergency call points, level-access bathrooms and in most instances a lift. There is also a House Manager to manage day-to-day running of the development and be on hand. This could be a huge asset for those people needing advice and help. I know that living in such a place offers peace of mind and increased well being which as one gets older becomes more and more important.

Many wish to stay in their local area and this amenity offers just that.

I believe there is a specific need for this form of housing in the Emsworth area and I understand that locally just 3.2% of all homes are specialist units for older people. This proposal would help address this shortfall in specialist housing for those like me who are getting on in years.

For many years I lived in Emsworth and would really like to return. What McCarthy & Stone offers is an ideal solution for my advancing years.

I sincerely hope planning permission is granted.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Meryl Tomblin.

Meryl Tomblin (Mrs)