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Dear Penelope,

I have been made aware that there is a proposal for a purpose built care home for dementia patients in Haverhill and surrounding areas. This looks like a very unique home. Having smaller group living areas is more manageable for the staff as well as the residents, that way staff will be able to spend quality time with their residents, get to know them quicker and build trusted relationships with potentially difficult people to cater for. For a dementia care home being on one level, no internal stairs/steps, is ideal for the resident when walking around, reducing risk of falls and easier to manage with walking aides.

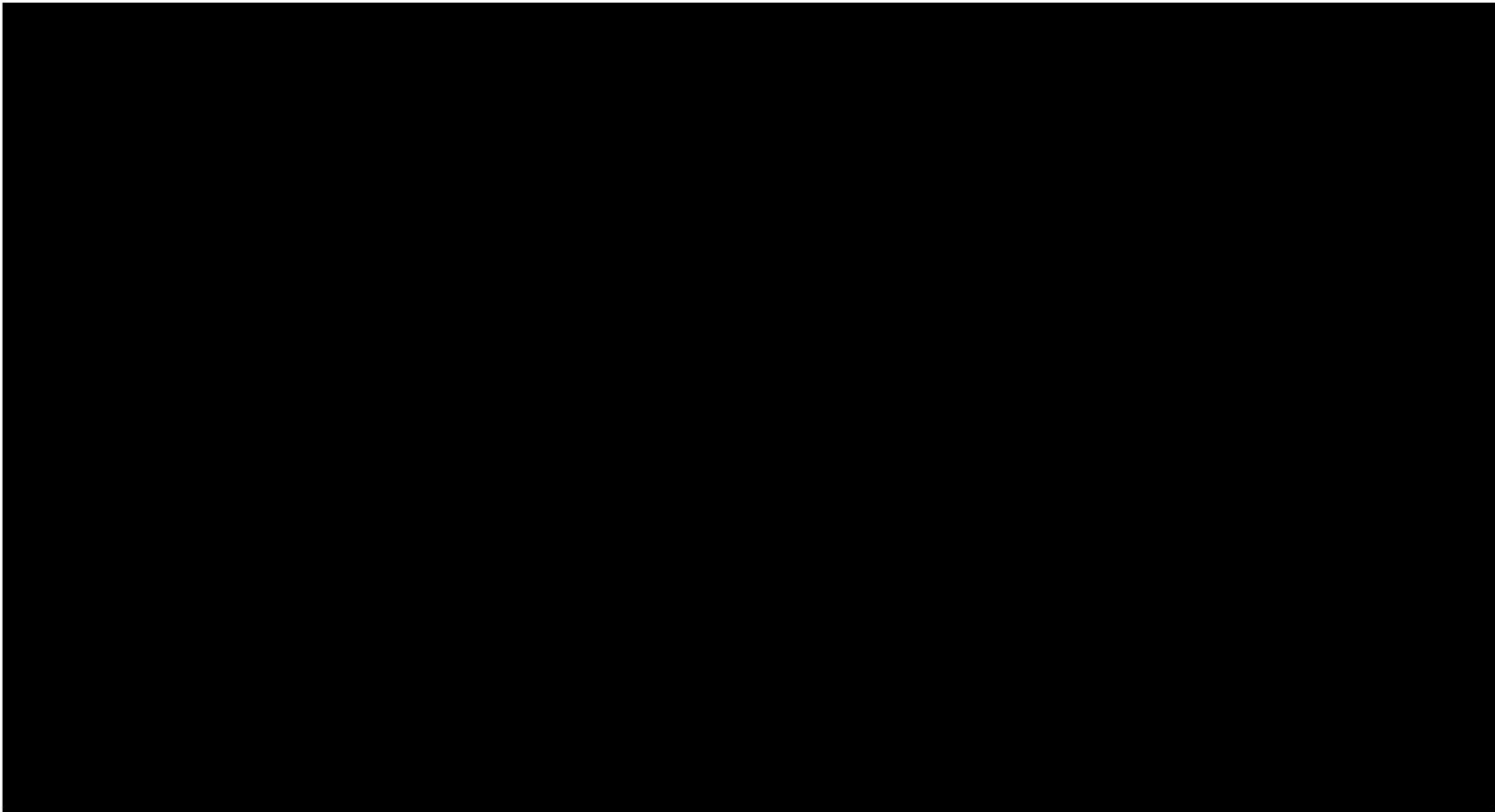
The idea of a roaming area within the complex is perfect idea, the ability to engage in normal life, experience the outdoors in all weathers. Dementia patients are known to enjoy roaming but get little opportunity in a safe environment. Care homes that I have experienced are on different levels, sometimes needing to use stairs or lifts. Old buildings do not necessarily accommodate equipment needed in the home, narrow doorways, internal steps, limited storage space of equipment, residents rooms are not big enough to accommodate equipment as their mobility deteriorates.

Meaningful activity is essential to keeping residents brains active, reduce the need for them to sit in a chair for a long period of time, encouraging activities they use to do as a job or enjoyed doing until their dementia diagnosis. Dementia is a fast growing disease and it is becoming more difficult for these people to remain at home safely. This proposed home is forward thinking with the dementia person at the for front – safe, meaningful, fun, enjoyable to work in, smaller scale of residents in one area, staff v's resident ratio manageable.

I hope this helps in making your decision, if it was for my parents/grandparents, this would be the place I would go.

Kind regards
Jill Bunch
Occupational therapist.

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