

Comments for Planning Application 23/01994/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 23/01994/FUL

Address: The Woodlands Hotel Coupals Road Sturmer Essex CB9 7UW

Proposal: Demolition of the existing buildings on site, and the erection of a 64no. bed care home (Use Class C2), together with access, car parking, landscaping and associated works.

Case Officer: Carol Wallis

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian Johnson

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am concerned that in all the planning documents submitted regarding the Woodlands Care Home development, there is no mention of the footpath through the woods. This links the permissive path along the bottom of the golf driving range to the Wilsey farm track and is an integral requirement for the link between the planned new Country Park and East Town Park. If this strategic link is not recognised or maintained it will be detrimental to the public being able to enjoy both parks as a coherent whole.

At the Haverhill Vision 2031 planning enquiry, which subsequently resulted in an adoption of a Country Park, the use of this footpath link was used as evidence before the inspector.

The path has been used by the public, for over 15 years, but recently not well maintained. However public spirited walkers have continued to clip protruding twigs and brambles to keep it passable, and its line can be seen from Google earth.

I believe that the maintenance of this footpath should be a condition of planning consent for the development of this site, and if this is the case then I would withdraw my objection, because otherwise I am supportive of the application.