

Your ref: 23/01994/FUL  
Our ref: The Woodlands Hotel, Coupals Road,  
Sturmer, Essex, CB9 7UW  
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Enquiries: Laura Harrad



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Dear Carol,

### **The Woodlands Hotel, Coupals Road, Sturmer, Essex – developer contributions**

I refer to the proposal: Full application - 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.

Suffolk Adult and Community Services (ACS) would support this proposal, assuming that as it is so close to the Suffolk/Essex boundary that we would be able to access beds at the home. It is always a good thing to have more care homes to consider as we do struggle to place people.

Given the increasingly complex needs in dementia, a nursing dementia home (which this appears to be) would be particularly useful in the Haverhill area. Placing people with dementia needs can often be a challenge and it's so important to people's wellbeing to be placed close enough to home so family networks can stay connected and visit. It would be useful to understand Essex's view on the need for this type of service.

A concern would be that this site sits on the main road with fast moving traffic, so it would need to have secure grounds.

In addition, the prison population are aging, in the future, it may be that we are placing prisoners on release into care settings, as other LA's are already doing so. It would be good to have a provision in Suffolk for these Adults even if those in Suffolk prisons aren't often released into Suffolk but their original counties. The provider would need to be accepting of those being released on probation and who would have license conditions.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Ed Abbott, SCC (ACS)