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Please register my objection to the Guildcare Linfield House planning application - error when tried on line

Kind regards

Louise Withington

Objection on the grounds of: Loss of general amenity, Overdevelopment, Privacy light and noise

I am submitting a formal objection to the proposed planning application AWD/0664/26 submitted by Guildcare for Linfield House Care Home, [18-20 Wykeham Road, Worthing](#)

My interest in the application is that my mother is a resident in Richmond Suite on the ground floor and has one of the rooms on the south side of the building. I wish you to consider the following points in relation to the document Linfield House Proposal A Planning statement and Heritage statement Rev B 15/05/2026

6.04 The proposed three storey extension in the south east corner of the site will be built on the small garden area which the residents and staff on the Richmond Suite enjoy at all times of year. To reduce this green, open and relaxing space which currently has uninterrupted views from the communal living room will I feel be to the detriment of the mental health of these elderly, vulnerable residents many of whom do not leave Linfield House or Richmond Suite itself and the garden is their view of the outside world.

The Alzheimer's Society suggests that 'nature can have very therapeutic benefits...outdoor space can offer a huge sense of calm and wellbeing...a connection with nature is even more important in the later stages of dementia'. Sadly access and views of the Richmond Suite garden will be denied throughout the months of construction and afterwards only a very small area will be seen from the communal living room backed by a high fence.

6.05 'each room would benefit from views of Victoria Park'. This would not be the case for the room on the ground floor as there is a high fence separating the garden from the park.

6.06 '2 new larger windows have been introduced on the north-east Victoria Park elevation to create new views to the garden and improve daylight levels within the communal lounge'.

Size of the new windows is not recorded. Regardless of the size, the view will be of a high fence within 6 feet. I'm disappointed that the Daylight and Sunlight Assessment commissioned by Guildcare did not include the impact of removing the south east facing windows.

6.08 'the pre-application had raised three main concerns with this proposal.'

Point 2. The existing bedrooms to the south although there will be some impact these rooms are occupied by residents which will not be unduly affected'

Currently all the residents in these rooms including my mother are ambulant and are able to use the full facilities of the Richmond Suite including the dining area, lounge area, garden and small training/lounge (see 6.09 below). In what way do Guildcare envisage that they would not be affected?

The third main concern is not given.

6.09 Conversion of ground floor training/lounge room

This room provides a valuable facility for residents to meet with loved ones in the security and comfort of their living area and as an alternative space away from their bedroom and the communal living room.

It was also used in early 2026 when the residents were unable to use the communal dining and lounge area for nearly three weeks during refurbishment. The size of the room was inadequate for the number of residents using it for meals and leisure. However, if this room is converted to a bedroom there will be no alternative space within Richmond Suite for the residents to use if the communal dining and lounge is not available for use in the future.

8.04 The designs follow the principles expressed in 'Dementia and Town Planning'

The report recommends to 'provide quiet areas as people with dementia can be hyper sensitive to noise'. I am concerned that the noise of construction, vibration and change in their living environment will adversely affect residents in Richmond Suite. Building will be taking place adjoining the communal living room and contractor vehicles parking and storage of materials likely outside bedrooms 1,2 and 3.

In addition the report also recommends 'access to outside space with good views from inside the building as daily exposure to daylight improves health and circadian rhythm'. The view of the garden and quality of daylight in my opinion will be greatly diminished.

8.05 The comments on parking demonstrate a lack of knowledge of how Linfield House operates.

The car park has two spaces marked for staff (the Home Manager and the Deputy Manager). A notice inside the entrance asks staff not to park in Linfield Car Park as visitors, deliveries and maintenance have difficulty parking. It is increasingly difficult to find a space when visiting, a car necessary to take my mother with limited independent mobility out and an extra four rooms would I feel increase the pressure.

8.06 Due to the minor nature of the proposal ...there are no additional staffing requirements foreseen ...'

Although in 2.08 confusingly it's stated 'it will create additional front line care jobs and housekeeper positions'

Which is it? The care staff already work under considerable pressure looking after the existing residents who live with the challenges of dementia. Staffing levels I feel would need to be reviewed.

Guildcare have a Duty of Care for the health and wellbeing of their residents under the Duty of Care Act 2014, to protect, prevent harm and to promote both physical and mental wellbeing, safeguarding every individual. The proposals in Guildcare's words are 'not significant in scale' (5.06) and of 'a minor nature' (8.06) but for the residents who expected their 'forever home' to be a calm and stable environment I fear that many will not 'live well and love every day'. (2.05)

In conclusion 'the only existing neighbours that would be adversely impacted by the proposal are within the care home itself' (Daylight and Sunlight Assessment T16 design 2.4)

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