

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/01/2026 11:11 PM from Mrs Ruth Beale.

Application Summary

Address:	Linfield Care Home 18 - 22 Wykeham Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4JD
Proposal:	Two storey extension to provide two bedrooms to the front / southwest elevation
Case Officer:	Rebekah Hincke

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Customer Details

Name:	Mrs Ruth Beale
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Address:	7 Titterstone Cottages Clee Hill Ludlow

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I wish to submit a formal objection to proposed work at Linfield Nursing Home, Guild Care, 18 -20 Wykeham Road, Worthing. AWDM/1544/25 and AWDM/1494/25 My mother is a self-funding resident of Richmond Suite, which will be the area of the building most affected by these proposals. Richmond Suite is occupied by elderly and vulnerable adults with varying degrees of dementia. Guild Care has a duty of care to these residents, yet disappointingly has not informed relatives of these plans until very recently when it was mentioned briefly in the newsletter of 29th December. The plans outlined in applications AWDM/1494/25 and AWDM/1544/25 will together add 7 bedrooms to Linfield house, of which 4 will be assigned to Richmond. Currently Richmond has 11 rooms, so this represents a substantial increase and will change the nature of the unit for both staff and residents. I would

think that extra staffing would be required to meet the demands of these extra residents and to support current staff.

The plans to add rooms by using the foyer sitting area and the small lounge area within Richmond Suite will remove amenities which are currently well used by families and visitors. These areas provide a more private space for family gatherings and are also used by staff.

However, the change which will impact most on Richmond residents is the loss of garden space to provide a three storey extension. It is well known that outside space is of great importance to the health and wellbeing of dementia patients, providing a connection to the natural world; greenery, flowers, birdsong and a view of trees and the sky. For those residents who are unable to go out of Linfield very often this is a much-needed resource.

Regarding the proposed three storey extension; I note that in the Planning Statement and Heritage Statement Rev A

6.05 Each room would benefit from views of Victoria Park

The existing room in Richmond (marked number 01 on the plan) and the two rooms on the floors above will suffer from loss of light in this instance as the new rooms will directly face them and their view of the garden will be replaced with a view of a brick wall.

The sitting room in Richmond, where some residents spend a considerable amount of time each day, will suffer some loss of light as two larger windows will be blocked by the extension with one smaller window proposed to replace them.

If the plans go ahead, the current 11 rooms in Richmond will increase to 15; regarding staffing, there appear to be two contradictory statements from the Planning Statement mentioned above.

2.08 ...all management and infrastructure is in place and it will create additional front line care jobs and housekeeper positions.

8.06 there are no additional staffing requirements foreseen.

This latter is in regard to parking at the site. It is disingenuous to claim that parking is 'primarily for staff users' when a clearly displayed notice in the entrance asks staff not to park in the car park as 'visitors, deliveries and maintenance have difficulties with finding a space'. (Although I understand that night shift staff may park there). On recent visits I have struggled to find a space and have on occasion had to park elsewhere; this is inconvenient if I am taking mum out. I also note that there are apparently 3 'Disabled' spaces...I am not aware of these and they are certainly not marked as such; there are no spaces which are wider to accommodate loading from a wheelchair so when all spaces are in use this can be difficult.

The building work proposed would be disruptive and upsetting to residents of Richmond who are used to a calm environment and an ordered daily routine. Safeguarding residents' health and wellbeing must be a top priority for Guild Care.

Whilst I appreciate that many of the points I have covered are not necessarily considered as valid objections, I have to voice my concerns as advocate for my 97 year old mother.
