

Customer Details

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Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:
- Design
- Highway Access and Parking
- Privacy Light and Noise

Comments: Re Planning Application AWDM/1494/25

We recognise that the remit of the Planning Committee falls within defined limits but we also note that a significant aspect of this should be in alignment with public interest. No one is exempt from having to face the possibility of dementia in their loved ones or themselves and our objections stem from a lived understanding of the ways in which residential dementia care is closely related to its environment.

We do not believe that the plans submitted by GuildCare take this into account and are not speaking out only for current residents but for those to come.

GuildCare has reason to be proud of the contribution it has made to the support of those living with dementia in this community, but the proposed alterations to the much-valued provision through Linfield House do not serve them well.

We have previously noted our concerns, which have not yet been adequately addressed by GuildCare management (letter dated 20/01/2026). We will be writing again to the organisation, but our focus here relates to the following points

Linfield House Proposal A : Planning Statement and Heritage Statement

1. Re Windows:

a) 6.05 "Each room would benefit from views of Victoria Park"

This is not accurate. There is a tall fence between the rooms on Richmond Suite and the park (needed for privacy) which obscures views of the park.

b) 6.06 "A new window has been introduced on the north-east Victoria Park elevation to improve daylight levels in the communal lounge"

Removing two significant east-facing windows and replacing them with one north-east facing window diminishes the quality and type of light. It is well-documented that east-facing light for

people with dementia helps to regulate sleep/wake cycles, boost alertness and helps to reduce 'sundowning'. North-facing light lacks the strong, energising, 'warm' light associated with east-facing light. Moreover, there seem to be discrepancies in other parts of the GuildCare planning application in description of direction-facing aspects.

The existing windows, as highlighted in previous objections, permit residents who may not be able to enjoy being outside, to appreciate the presence and movement of wildlife such as birds and squirrels. Their removal will be to the detriment of residents, present and future. Additional windows will be necessary for any such alterations to the building but those proposed are not going to benefit the residents.

c) Proposed Ground, First and Second Floor plans, Bedroom 1 : on each floor these rooms currently have only one north-facing window in their living space. The natural light in these rooms is already compromised. The proposed 3-storey extension will diminish the light even further and their outlook will be onto a brick wall.

2. Re: Pedestrian and Vehicle access, roads and rights of way

We appreciate that no works can take place before the submission and approval of a Construction Management Plan. Considering the current car park area, with its tight entry/exit, we would point out again our concerns about access for work related traffic and delivery and storage of materials in such a limited space. This poses a Health and Safety risk to residents and visitors alike.

The site is a short distance from a blind corner on Wykeham Road which is a busy access road into the Town Centre, on a regular bus route.

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