

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/07/2026 11:22 PM from Mrs Ruth Beale.

Application Summary

Address:	Linfield Care Home 18 - 22 Wykeham Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4JD
Proposal:	Three storey side/rear extension to the south-east elevation; installation of new windows and rooflight; and rooftop photovoltaic panels
Case Officer:	Rebekah Hincke

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Customer Details

Name:	Mrs Ruth Beale
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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 - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I wish to submit a formal objection to proposed work at Linfield Nursing Home, Guild Care, 18 -20 Wykeham Road, Worthing. AWDWM/0664/26 My mother is a 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 existing residents first and foremost. Disappointingly GC has not been as transparent and communicative as was promised at the meeting with relatives on 30th March; management promised to inform us when the new application was submitted but did not do so. The plans outlined in application AWDWM/0664/26 will add 4 bedrooms to Linfield house, of which 2 will be assigned to Richmond. Extra staffing would surely be required to meet the demands of these extra residents and to support current staff. However, I note that there are still contradictory statements within the proposal (Proposal A Planning Statement)

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 and as such no additional staff parking is required"

This leads on to another area of concern - the provision of parking at the site.

8.05 "The existing site provides 8no. cycle storage and 13no. car parking spaces- these are to be retained. The parking is used primarily for staff users, with visitor parking spaces. There is no loss of car parking spaces."

8.06 "Not all of the care home occupants have full mobility and those that are mobile generally do not drive and prefer to walk or use organized minibus/taxis for travel, on an ad-hoc basis. Therefore no additional parking is required for the occupants or visitors and minimal additional vehicular movements."

There is already inadequate parking at the site. It is simply incorrect 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 would suggest that very few of the residents have full mobility and do require use of a vehicle in order to go on outings from the home. In order to access a vehicle my mum requires the use of a wheelchair and a reasonable space in which to fully open the car door - then the wheelchair needs to be loaded into the boot. This can be quite tricky in the existing spaces available.

At the meeting in Linfield on 30th March I queried the existence of three 'Disabled' spaces...I was assured that these would be marked out as a priority but this still has not been done; there are no spaces which are wider to accommodate loading from a wheelchair so when all spaces are in use this can be extremely difficult. Adding extra rooms will only exacerbate the problem with parking.

The plan to add another bedroom by converting the small lounge area within Richmond Suite will remove an amenity which is currently well used by families and visitors. This room provides a more private, quiet space for family gatherings and is also used by staff. During the recent works carried out in the lounge/day room/kitchen this space was invaluable as an alternative communal area for residents.

The change which will impact most on Richmond residents is the loss of garden space to provide a three-storey extension. It is well documented 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. During building work this area will be completely out of bounds for, I imagine, several months. This will obviously have an impact on the wellbeing of residents.

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 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 addition of an opaque window in these rooms may well provide additional light but there will be absolutely no outside view from these rooms.

The sitting room in Richmond, where some residents spend a considerable amount of time each day, will suffer some loss of light as two windows will be blocked by the extension. The new plans allow for new, larger windows in the north facing wall of this room, but the exact size of these is not specified. The quality of light from these proposed new windows will not be the same as the light coming in from the current windows to the south-west.

The 'Daylight and Sunlight Assessment' included within the new plans unfortunately does not mention the issue with the windows in the lounge, which was a major point of concern to relatives of residents in Richmond Suite and was discussed with management after the meeting on 30th March. The consultants were obviously given a very narrow brief!

A major concern is the effect of the actual building work on residents in Richmond Suite. The construction proposed would be disruptive and upsetting to residents of Richmond who are used to a calm environment and an ordered daily routine. During the recent work carried out in the lounge/kitchen area several residents, including my mother, were confused and unhappy as they could not use that area for two weeks and were either squashed into the small lounge (proposed to soon become a bedroom) or wandering the corridor. This placed additional strain on staff and residents alike.

A building site adjacent to the daily living areas will create dust, noise and vibration; this will be extremely unsettling to those living with dementia.

Safeguarding residents' health and wellbeing must be a top priority for Guild Care. These concerns were raised at the recent relatives' meetings and GC management was very vague about the precise details of how they intend to manage the build in order to minimise disruption to residents.

Ruth Beale 7/7/26
