

Comments for Planning Application AWDM/1494/25

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 06/01/2026 7:23 PM from Ms Louise Withington.

Application Summary

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| Address: | Linfield Care Home 18 - 22 Wykeham Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 4JD |
| Proposal: | Alterations and extensions to existing care home to provide additional bed spaces, including construction of single storey glazed link extension to southwest elevation, three storey extension to southeast elevation and installation of solar panels to existing flat roof and south west roofslopes. |
| Case Officer: | Rebekah Hincke |

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Customer Details

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| Name: | Ms Louise Withington |
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Comments Details

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| Commenter Type: | Member of the Public |
| Stance: | Customer objects to the Planning Application |
| Reasons for comment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design- Loss of General Amenity- Privacy Light and Noise |
| Comments: | I am submitting a formal objection to the proposed planning application AWDM/1544/25 and AWDM/1494/25 submitted by Guildcare for Linfield House Care Home,18-20 Wykeham Road, Worthing. My interest in the application is that my mother lives in Richmond Suite on the ground floor and has one of the rooms on the south of the building. I wish you to consider the following points from General document Rev A |

Planning statement 27/11/25 (Linfield House Proposal A Planning statement and Heritage statement)

6.02 Conversion of existing visitor's lounge on the ground floor adjacent to reception. This area forms a light, comfortable, welcoming space for visitors to meet with family members away from the bedroom areas, enjoy family occasions and is also used for staff interviews and a staff training area. Although the application states this area is 'under utilized' my experience of visiting the home on average 5 times a week shows that the area is used frequently. I visited on Sunday 4th January 2026 and witnessed one family group hosting a birthday celebration for a resident followed by another two separate family groups using the area.

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 remove this green, open and relaxing space will I feel be to the detriment of the mental health of these elderly, vulnerable residents many of whom do not leave Linfield House and this garden is their view of the outside world.

6.06 I am concerned that the removal of two large windows in the communal lounge area which overlook the garden to be replaced by only one small window 'on the north-east Victoria Park elevation' will significantly reduce the natural light in the room. All the windows will be north facing. The NHS website recommends that 'most people with dementia..benefit from better lighting in their home. It can help to avoid confusion and reduce the risk of falls. Lighting should be bright, even and natural ...'

6.08 Point 2 referring to the rooms on the south of the building in Richmond that 'these rooms are occupied by residents which will not be unduly affected' is inaccurate. There are residents in some of these rooms who are mobile and are able to use the full facilities of Richmond Suite including the dining, lounge areas, garden and small meeting room.

6.09 The conversion of the small lounge in Richmond Suite to a bedroom would remove a valuable facility for residents to meet with loved ones in the security and comfort of their living area.

Construction noise - Dementia UK acknowledge that the elderly with dementia or cognitive impairment are 'startled or frightened by loud or sudden noises' which can 'lead to anxiety, frustration, confusion and distress, and to the person becoming withdrawn'. I am concerned that the noise of construction, vibration and change in their living environment will adversely affect residents particularly in Richmond Suite. 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.

In conclusion, Planning may view this proposal as a small development, adding needed dementia beds, but to those residents already living to quote Guildcare in their 'forever home' please consider the environmental

and emotional impact that this development will have on these vulnerable adults and their enjoyment of their home in the short and longer term.

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