

## Hamish Evans

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Hi Hamish,

Apologies for reaching out directly but I wasn't sure if I was able to amend my previous commentary on the website for the above submission and after we spoke on the phone, I reflected a little more about what my specific objections were for the above application. If you're able to put this on the site, then please feel free but I wasn't sure what the process was given the deadline for submissions was next week.

**Paul/Lorraine CC as they are listed as contacts on the site.**

*As I think has been proven with the previous comments from a number of neighbours, there is simply not enough information contained within the proposal to make an informed decision at this stage; However, that withstanding I do think that any form of change from a dwellinghouse to a residential care home would result in a material change to the established residential character of Orchard Close.*

*The surrounding area is defined by stable, low-intensity family housing, and the introduction of a any form of managed care facility (if and when they provide enough evidence) operating on a shift-based staffing model and accommodating multiple unrelated children - would fundamentally alter the pattern of occupation associated with a single-family dwelling.*

*This proposal would:*

- Introduce a more intensive and institutional pattern of use that is not characteristic of the surrounding domestic environment.*
- Result in increased comings and goings by staff, visitors, and service providers, which would be out of keeping with the quiet, low-traffic nature of the street.*
- Erode the prevailing sense of place and residential amenity enjoyed by neighbouring occupiers.*

*After digging a little deeper it does also seem that should they provide more evidence the planning would likely still fail to respect or reinforce the existing character of the area and would conflict with:*

- **Mid Sussex District Plan policies** relating to character and amenity (e.g., DP26 – Character & Design)*
- **The NPPF**, which requires development to be sympathetic to local character and to maintain a high standard of amenity for existing and future users.*

Thank you again for your consideration.

Many thanks

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