



Memo

To Mary Collins, Planning Officer
From Lesley McFarlane, Development Officer,
Health
Date 19/05/2021
Proposal Demolition of existing building and erection of
a care home with amenity space, parking and
landscaping.
Location Former Felix Hotel, Girton CB3 0LX
Reference 21/00953/FUL

Thank you for submitting the Health Impact Assessment report in relation to the planning application for the demolition of the former Felix Hotel and the erection of a care home (use class 2) with associated landscaping and other works.

Policy SC/2 b of the 2018 South Cambridgeshire Local Plan states that for developments for developments between 20 to 100 dwellings or 1,000 to 5,000m² or more floorspace the Health Impact Assessment will take the form of an extended screening or rapid Health Impact Assessment.

WHO defines HIA as '*a combination of procedures, methods and tools by which a policy, program or project may be judged as to its potential effects on the health of a population, and the distribution of those effects within the population*'.

As per the Council's Supplementary Planning Document on Health Impact Assessment (HIA SPD) I have reviewed the outline application using the HIA Review Package checklist contained in Appendix 3. **The outcome is that the Health Impact Assessment as submitted has been assessed as grade A.** Grade A meets the required standard of the HIA SPD policy (only HIA's graded A or B are acceptable).

The siting of a dementia research facility at the Care Home would bring welcome local expertise. Creating closer links with local dementia groups should be sought to strengthen partnerships and share resource and knowledge. Shared use of the sensory garden and talks with local care groups is also encouraged.

I welcome the suggestion of creating closer links with Cambridge Regional college to provide training and employment opportunities for local residents and students.

The report recommends that S106 should be sought to provide onsite medical provision via Huntingdon Road Surgery, although attempts to reach the surgery have not been possible. This needs to be conditioned as part of the application.

It would have been advantageous for the applicants to consult the local Alheimers Society on certain design aspects and reference how consultation has helped to influence design.

The report also states that a plan will be put in place to monitor the health impacts. How will the findings of this report be shared?