

Felix Hotel Planning Appeal

Evidence given by Janet Dye of 48, Thornton Court, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0NS to the Inspector for the Appeal on 31st January 2023 at South Cambridgeshire Hall.

I wish to draw attention to the following facts and information which have not been mentioned by the witnesses who have just given evidence on behalf of the residents of the local Girton area.

- 1). There is already a large, recently built luxury care home in Girton named Arlington Manor. It caters for Dementia patients as well as those needing care. It has excellent facilities.
- 2). There is also a large Abbeyfield Residential Development in Girton. Residents live in their own flat or rented flat and there are staff and a manager on hand in the building. Carers come in as needed. It has a swimming pool, gym, cinema, restaurant, café, hairdresser etc. Some facilities are open to the local public.
- 3). There is another block of flats Gretton Court for those over 55 years. Again residents can access care if needed.
- 4). There is one GP practice in Girton and it is already very difficult to get an appointment with a GP or a nurse, home visits are almost unknown at present. Local doctors are under great pressure with the local and student populations. I understand that they are not in favour of an additional care home in Girton.

There is no need for another care home in Girton. The village and area does not need or wish for another care home and is in danger of becoming unbalanced in its population due to the number of care homes in the area.

There is likely to be local support for the old house to be used for community activities and the green space to be used for leisure activities or as a maintained open space for people to enjoy.