

Deputation from Ms Hume

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to submit a deputation to the Development Management Committee to be held on 25/02/2021 with regards to the proposed erection of a 64 bed older persons care home near Helmsley House, Bartons Road.

I previously submitted an objection to the plans. Since then, I see that some of the initial proposals have been amended and reports have been submitted with regards to the impact to some of the wildlife. My concern over privacy still remains. I believe that, due to the slope of the land, the proposed building will effectively be all we can see when we look from our back garden and certainly from our upstairs bedroom. I see the amended plans have increased the size of the trees which will be planted near our property. I'm not sure if this is a reflection of the initial size of trees to be planted or if it is indeed a change. The tree type, Tilia Cordata, is deciduous. Which means it will shed its leaves in the winter, offering little privacy. According to the Royal Horticultural Society website, they can grow to a height of 12 m and width of 8 m but this could take 20 to 50 years to reach full height. So, unless mature trees are planted, we are unlikely to see any privacy benefits from these for years to come. Which means full view of a building site for the foreseeable future and then a full view of the care home each winter after that.

I would ask that the committee considers and addresses our privacy concerns before its final decision on the planning proposal.