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Mrs M & Z Sahirad

Thank you for your email of 21 April about proposals for the construction of a nursing home in Brentwood. I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

I regret that due to ministers' quasi-judicial role in the planning system, I am unable to comment on individual planning proposals or decisions. However, I am able to offer the following general comments in response to the issues you raise.

In preparing plans, councils should assess development needs for their areas and identify appropriate sites for development to meet needs where possible. The options taken forward in Plans should be justified, supported by evidence and take the views of local people into account. I have no doubt that Brentwood Council will give very careful consideration to your representation and whether it meets the above criteria.

There will also be further opportunities for you to put forward your proposal for inclusion in the Local Plan. When ready, Brentwood Council will submit their Local Plan for a public examination before an independent Inspector. Before the examination you and anyone else with an interest in the plan will have an opportunity to make representations and may request to appear before the examination. At the examination the council will have to show that their proposals for development are the most appropriate given any other reasonable alternative.

I would encourage you to continue to work with Brentwood Council who will be able to advise you in more detail on the best way to provide evidence to support your proposal in the emerging Brentwood Local Plan and any future application.

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