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**Supporting Statement:  
Proposed Family Meeting Room, Canford Manor Nursing Home,  
38 Manor Way, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9JH**

This statement is written in support of an application to Gosport Borough Council for planning permission to form a new, conservatory style, family meeting room to an existing care home in Lee-on-the-Solent. The application is lodged by Plum Architects Ltd on behalf of the owners, Heathfield Care Homes Ltd. A fee in the sum of £234.00 is paid via the Planning Portal directly. Besides this statement the application consists of:

- Drawing No. PA20-170:01 Plans and elevations as existing
- Drawing No. PA20-170:02 Plans and elevations as proposed
- Biodiversity Checklist

Canford Manor is well regarded nursing home, sited on a 0.49 acre (2005m<sup>2</sup>) plot of land on the corner of Broom Way and Manor Way, to the north of the centre of Lee-on-the-Solent. In 2016 it underwent a significant extension to form an additional 14 bedrooms over 2 storeys. This was connected to the existing structure by means of a low level, predominantly glazed walkway.

The proposed new conservatory is a direct response to the unprecedented measures that have had to be put in place to deal with the current Covid-19 global pandemic. It has become vital to provide a space for families to meet with their elderly relatives in a controlled environment separate from the rest of the care home.

The key requirements are for the residents and family members to be able to access the space from different doors, with the relatives not forced to enter the main home buildings with all of the associated contamination risks. Internally the space is divided with a clear, full width, full height screen to maintain social distancing whilst allowing both conversation and visual reassurance. Such a space, by nature of its physical requirements, cannot be inserted onto any of the existing care home rooms.

The conservatory will be hidden away to the rear of the current home in a natural recess created by the edge of the single storey, rear facing, resident's lounge, and the two storey living accommodation beside. From most vantage points it is obscured by the existing structure. However, it is still in position which can be reached by relatives externally under guidance from the site staff and has no impact on the remainder of the business.

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