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Planning Services Rushcliffe Borough Council Rushcliffe Arena Rugby Road West Bridgford NOTTINGHAM NG2 7YG

Dear Sir/Madam,

Advertisement Consent Application for signage at Belvoir Vale Care Home, Old Melton Rd, Nottingham NG12 5QL

We act on behalf of Maria Mallaband Care Group, who operate and run the Belvoir Care Home.

This cover letter is submitted to support the above advertisement consent application. The application seeks permission to install a number of composite post signs to the site boundaries and a flagpole.

Signage is urgently required at the site, particularly given the use of the site and a number of occasions by which emergency services and visitors have failed to locate the care home when travelling along the A606 Melton Road.

One of the proposed signs would be installed at the junction of Melton Road and Old Melton Road within an area of bushes within the ownership of the Care Home, the other would be located along the south western boundary of the site informing vehicles travelling from the A46 of the location of the care home. The proposed flagpole would be located within the site itself.

The applicant intends to install the signs as soon as possible and would be related to the day to day operation of the business, the use of the site would be unchanged.

The signage to be installed on site includes:

- Individual composite signs on wooden legs 2m wide x 1.2m tall (on 1.2m wooden legs).
- 6m flag pole with 1.5m x .75m flag.

Planning History

There is extensive planning history related to this specific Care Home. An application for two signs (15/01457/ADV) was refused in October 2015 and a subsequent appeal (15/3140089) was dismissed in April 2016. The appeal was dismissed as the size and colour of the signs were deemed to create an incongruous feature to the detriment of visual amenity. The appointed inspector concluded that signage was acceptable at the junction but the location and design should be amended to reduce the visual impact. As such the signage has on the whole been located within the site itself and not the highway verge.

Policy 1 of the Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies 2019 states development will be acceptable where "there is no significant adverse effect upon the amenity" and "the scale, density, height, massing, design, layout and materials of the proposal is sympathetic to the character and appearance of the neighbouring buildings and the surrounding area". The proposed signage is functional yet modest and therefore accords with the requirements of Policy 1.

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Yours faithfully

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