

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/D1265/W/25/3372602

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By CHURCHILL LIVING LTD

Site Address
Land to the rear of 156-172
South Street
Bridport
DT6 3NP

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am against the appeal proposals.

What Bridport needs in terms of housing is more social and affordable housing to be built to stem the exodus of young people forced to leave in order to find work, somewhere affordable to live, and to address overcrowding which many families currently endure. I found when talking with people outside Morrisons recently that people reported adult children forced to remain living with ageing parents with several sharing bedrooms intended for one person only.

Properties of the type proposed by Churchill Housing do nothing to meet the housing needs of Bridport's local community.

Bridport has an ageing population with health and social care services struggling heroically but failing to meet needs. Over one third of residents are over 65. It is currently not unusual to wait 2weeks for a GP appt, or not to be able to register with the one NHS dentist in town (books full). There are no proposed increases in infrastructure to meet needs of yet more older people.

At a recent meeting in the Town Hall Bridport a GP working at the local Ammonite Health Centre highlighted that

*Despite anticipated increases in local population as more houses are built there is no concomittant increase in funding for health/social care.

*There is significant concern amongst GP partners at the Health Centre that they will find it increasingly difficult to recruit staff for lower paid but vital roles e.g. reception, phlebotomy, admin, healthcare assistants due to an inability of suitable applicants being able to afford to live locally. This will have a dreadful impact on the centre.

Additional work passed on to local pharmacies to bolster struggling healthcare services has been seriously undermined by the sudden closure of the pharmacy based at the medical centre, causing delays to patients receiving dispensed medication due to increased workload for the two remaining pharmacies.

Properties of the type proposed by Churchill house older people who, as they continue to age, may well need support to remain at home. Funding and resources for this care is not being made available.

At any given time you can look at properties for sale on property websites and the ones remaining unsold, empty for longest are those with restrictions requiring occupiers to be over a certain age - usually 60, sometimes 55. We can easily create ghettos of older people living together by passing planning permission for complexes such as Churchill wants to build. These complexes consist of relatively expensive, small (one/two bedroom) high density units doing nothing for Bridport's local community but seeming to do much to line the pockets of property developers.