

Rose Road Association
Bradbury Centre, 300 Aldermoor Road,
Southampton, Hampshire, SO16 5NA

Development Management Team
Eastleigh Borough Council

Re: Proposed Application – Land at Birchwood Gardens, Hedge End, SO30 2AR - detached two-bedroom bungalow (Specialised Supported Housing- C2/C3 use class)

Applicant: Home Living Housing

Drawing refs: 1775/P/05 Rev C and 1775/P/10 Rev B

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer of The Rose Road Association, a Hampshire-based charity supporting children and adults with learning disabilities, autism, and complex needs. I am pleased to confirm our strong support for the above planning proposed at Land at Birchwood Gardens, Hedge End. This proposal is for a purpose-built, two-bedroom bungalow specifically designed to meet Specialised Supported Housing criteria, providing high quality, accessible accommodation for disabled residents within an established community.

Urgent need for supported housing

Across Hampshire and the wider Southeast, there is a significant and growing need for appropriate supported living housing options. Too often, individuals with disabilities face limited local provision, resulting in placements that are unsuitable or located far away from family, friends, and support networks. Developments such as this are vital in addressing that gap. Providing accessible housing in a sustainable residential location enables residents to live with greater independence, stability, and dignity, whilst reducing pressure on statutory services and improving long-term outcomes.

Quality of design and suitability of the proposal

Having reviewed the submitted Design and Access Statement and plans, it is clear the proposal has been carefully designed to meet the needs of future residents. The scheme includes a practical and well-considered layout that supports accessible living, including:

- suitable internal circulation space
- appropriately sized door openings for wheelchair access
- bathroom arrangements capable of adaptation
- a layout that supports safe and comfortable daily living

Importantly, the proposal is restricted to a **single-storey bungalow form**, making it both appropriate for supported living accommodation and more sympathetic to surrounding residential character.

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Respect for the local area

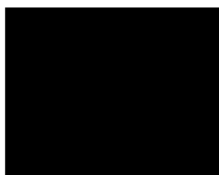
We note that the proposal has been designed to reflect the established character of Birchwood Gardens and surrounding development, incorporating a form and materials that align with the local vernacular.

Conclusion

In summary, The Rose Road Association considers this proposal to be a positive and necessary development which would provide much-needed specialist supported living accommodation within Eastleigh Borough. The scheme represents an opportunity to deliver a home that promotes independence and inclusion, while remaining appropriate in scale, form, and impact. We therefore respectfully encourage Eastleigh Borough Council to consider the proposed planning application carefully.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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