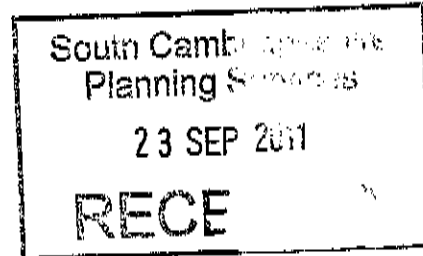


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Dear Mr McMurray

External Lighting on and around Nicols Court/Flaxfields - Planning Application Reference S/2256/10

I refer to your email dated 29 July 2011, following a site meeting on 28 July 2011 and to my previous email to you dated 20 June 2011 which sets out the applicants' case regarding the issues raised over both internal and external lighting schemes for this approved care home.

Despite further proposals being considered in a second report by NEP Lighting Consultancy, following a meeting between South Cambridgeshire District Council and Linton Parish Council, no evidence appears to have been produced which would necessitate amendments to the current planning application lighting scheme. As such and taking into account the observations made in my previous correspondence to you, with particular reference to the technical reports undertaken, the applicant is satisfied that the lighting proposals continue to comply with all the relevant guidelines, standards and regulations. This view has subsequently been reinforced by the fact that the issues raised and discussed at recent site meetings have been based it would seem more on personal preferences rather than any technical assessments or requirements.

Whilst the comments regarding lighting provision on balconies are noted, the incidental use of these areas late at night does not, in the applicants' view, require regulation by such measures. For the reasons given in our previous email, which were expressed at the subsequent site meetings and are again repeated in this correspondence, the applicant does not consider any further changes to the lighting installation to be warranted or justified.

They are however prepared to install curtains along the corridor window to reduce unnecessary light spillage from these areas as well as to limit the timer switch in these locations to ten minutes from the normal thirty minutes. No further changes to external or internal lighting will be undertaken as this would not be in the best interest of the staff who work there and the residents who live there.

On the basis that there would appear to be no planning reasons to refuse these proposals, we do not consider there is a need to enter into any 106 legal agreement and therefore request that this application is now put forward for a decision.



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In the circumstances could you therefore please confirm your intended course of action, and a timescale you hope to adopt for the determination of these proposals.

Yours sincerely

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