

Ashwood Nursing Home

PIP application

RR/2020/338/PIP

Position Comment

- 1 Burwash: Save our Fields (the group) has considered the above application and makes the following comments.
- 2 Ashwood Nursing home has lain vacant for some time. Attempts to sell the premises at auction and through estate agents have failed. The premises are now starting to blight this part of Burwash Common. Photographs of the state of the premises can be found on our website.
- 3 The group's first objective (see our website) is 'To help others to provide well-designed housing in the parish of Burwash, which residents can afford. Such housing must be in the right place and must not harm the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.'
- 4 Considering this objective, the nature of the premises and the access to Stonegate Road, the group in principle would support housing here now attempts to find a commercial use have failed.
- 5 The group considers if a housing application is made the applicant should remember the importance that the NPPF para 130, the Planning Inspectorate and Rother District Council place on good design. To succeed or have the group's support the development must be of a good design. One of the factors that would need to be considered is that future development must not adversely affect the beauty of the Burwash Common pavilion which is nearby. It is a fine example of good modern design.
- 6 The group would also remind the applicant of the importance of consultation with Burwash Parish Council and the general community if an application is made.
- 7 The applicant's stated number of housing units is 7 to 9. The appropriate number of units may be more or less than this figure and without the submission of designs it would be wrong for any indication of the appropriate number to be given.
- 8 It is hoped these comments are helpful to Rother District Council, the applicant and his agent.

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