



SAVE DORMERS AND PARK HALL CARE HOMES

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Public Meeting

To oppose closure of DORMERS AND PARK HALL council care homes.

Saturday 29th November from 2pm till 4pm

At The Harlequin Theatre

Warwick Quadrant, Redhill Town Centre, Surrey, RH1 1NN

Residents and families have come together to start a campaign to save Dormers and Park Hall care homes. We are appealing to the people of East Surrey to help save a precious community asset – something that any local resident may need in the future for themselves or a family member.

“The time and effort that is made by the staff, some of whom often stay past their shift time or visit in their days off is wholly commendable. Nothing is too much, no matter how busy they are, they always find the time to engage with the clients. A simple smile, chat and hugs are all regularly available.

Park hall does not feel like a care home, it is like a home from home and as such the carers feel like friends and family. To close Park Hall would be such a great loss to the residence...family members and the local community. I do hope there a positive outcome to this, as the closure would be unthinkable sadness”.

Lisa Funnell daughter of a resident

About the homes

Dormers and Park Hall are local authority run elderly care homes in Caterham and Reigate. They also provide respite care. They are two of the last six care homes run by Surrey County Council. The Council wants to close all the homes and residents will have to find new homes. This proposal is causing huge anxiety amongst residents and families at the homes, who don't want them to close. They describe them as excellent homes where residents feel well cared for by great staff and where they are treated with kindness and dignity. They question the reasons for closure put forward by the Council and say that they are safe, comfortable homes that just need some refurbishment.

Instead of closing them, they could serve as a model of the ideal care homes, based in and integrated with the local community.

Help us keep our Care Homes open.

Please support our campaign.

Come to the public meeting on **29th November from 2pm till 4pm at The Harlequin Theatre**

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If you cannot make the meeting, you may still take part in the consultation

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- Sign the petition at <http://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/SaveCareHomes/>
- Contribute to the official consultation www.surreysays.co.uk/asc-commissioning/future-of-surrey-county-council-in-house-homes
- Write to the Surrey County Councillors, your MP and the Leader of Surrey County Council. Easy to use template letters can be found here <http://www.unionsoutheast.org.uk/surreycarehomes>:

Any communication with elected representatives should be in your own words but you may wish to include some of these points:

- The Care Quality Commission's recent inspection reports for each of the homes is excellent
- Having en-suite bathrooms is not an important requirement for dementia patients as it may constitute a trip hazard
- Sometimes dementia cannot be managed in the family home due to the special care it requires
- The closure of local dementia care provision is contrary to Jeremy Hunt MP's Dementia Champion designation
- It is wrong to close care homes when the elderly population is projected to increase significantly
- Elderly residents should have a choice of good quality affordable homes run by our local authority
- The council's under-occupancy argument to close the care homes is disingenuous since the council itself forced the closure of rooms and freeze on admissions
- The Surrey closures could lead to 450 job losses

*"She started to go to Park Hall for daycare and started to enjoy life (in her own way) again. After a while _ due to her safety ie. Walking out at night in her night clothes , putting the wrong things in the oven, letting strangers in to her home and falling etc we were advised that she should go to live in Park Hall. Since she has been there she has started laughing and having company again. We know that from the care that she gets at Park Hall that she is now safe, happy and well looked after. This is her home now and she deserves to be able to live where she feels secure". **From a relative***

Campaigns are starting up to defend all the care homes and you may wish to support them too and visit the main Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/806584889380498/>

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