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1ST March 2019.

Dear Mr. Avery,

Re: Proposed Building Development of Land at Ashurst Hospital Site.

With reference to the article in the New Forest Post January 31st issue, which gave various suggestions for the future development of this site, *I would like to draw your attention to the following proposal.*

I feel consideration should be given to the building of flats for the elderly of the village of Ashurst. The flats, preferably with balconies, similar to the McCarthy and Stone flats, nearly opposite Waitrose in Lymington, and to have well sized rooms to enable the easy movement of residents. The site is near to rail and bus transport, and to a variety of shops. Also nearby are several restaurants which the residents would be able to use if required. This would allow the elderly of the village to downsize to smaller accommodation, thereby releasing their larger houses to be used by young families.

I realize there would have to be some safeguard in place to avoid speculators from outside the area taking advantage of such a lovely site.

To build family houses on this site would cause several problems. All families would have one or more cars. This would cause so much more traffic out on to the A 35 at the very point where it is not a good vision exit, especially if turning towards Totton. There would be children having quite a distance to travel to the school at Foxhills and they would certainly not be able to travel on their own. Young parents would be out to work quite a lot of the time, thereby not appreciating the lovely situation of the countryside in which they are residing.

If my suggestion of flats for the elderly is taken up, may I make one other suggestion. Would it be possible to call the development Arnold Place, in recognition of all the hard work and many years of service the late Councillor Sally Arnold did for this village. She tried for many years to get this site for flats for the elderly but the NHS would not release it.

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I do trust you will give very serious consideration to my suggestions.

Yours faithfully,