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Dear Mr Duffield

P18/S2965/O Eastfield House Care Home, Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch-on-Thames, RG8 7EJ

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who have raised concerns about the planning application at Eastfield House. I am sure that you are aware of the volume of comments from residents and thus the strength of local feeling against this application.

I recall that the Council refused the previous application for this property in 2015 when it was proposed to retain the front facade. At the time it was noted that the building was of high architectural quality and that it made a positive contribution to the Whitchurch Conservation Area. I can therefore understand that this recent application would concern residents as it goes further in seeking total demolition.

I am aware that residents have raised a number of other detailed concerns but the key issue appears to be that this current application seems to have total disregard for the previous decision.

When you have had the opportunity to review the comments and are moving towards a view on this I would be grateful if you would brief me on the Council's intention and rationale.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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