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Date: 1st February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to:

Planning Application Ref: 22/1548/FUL

Applicant Name: Not Available

Description: Renovation, conversion and change of use Exeland House from retail unit and office to form a co-living scheme of 38 units including communal facilities and a co-working office space, front extension with 4 floors, link building, public plaza on the existing car park and renovation of existing bridge link to New Bridge Street.

Address: Exeland House Tudor Street Exeter Devon EX4 3BR

The application has been reviewed from a primary care perspective and the following comments are provided by NHS Devon ICB as their response to the application. The response has been informed by the Devon Health Contributions Approach: GP Provision (<https://www.devon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/other-county-policy-and-guidance>) which was jointly prepared by NHS England and Devon County Council.

In preparing this response, it is noted that the Exeter City Council Core Strategy Document 2012 under “Meeting the Communities Needs” states that:

“The objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy and other strategies and programmes can be delivered, at least in part, through developer contributions sought for social and community infrastructure, including education/skills, health, culture, sports and leisure facilities. Examples of areas where developer contributions could facilitate change and enhancement include:



.....improving access to health and social care (Exeter Sustainable Community Strategy/Exeter Primary Care Trust Estate Strategy/Royal Devon and Exeter (NHS) Trust Building Programme);”

The ICB’s concern is that the combined surgeries of St Thomas Medical Group – St Thomas Health Care Centre, Southernhay House Surgery – Southernhay House Surgery, St Leonards Practice and Barnfield Hill Surgery are already over capacity within their existing footprint therefore it follows that to have a sustainable development in human health terms the whole local healthcare provision will require review. The combined surgeries already have 45,823 patients registered between them and this new development will increase the local population by a further 76 persons.

Taking this into account and drawing upon the document “*Devon Health Contributions Approach: GP Provision document*” which was agreed by NHS England and Devon County Council, the following calculation has been made:

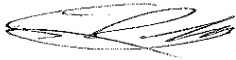
Methodology for Application 22/1548/FUL

1. Residential development of 38 dwellings
2. This development is in the catchment of St Thomas Medical Group – St Thomas Health Care Centre, Southernhay House Surgery – Southernhay House Surgery, St Leonards Practice and Barnfield Hill Surgery which have a total capacity for 36,468 patients.
3. The current patient list size is 45,823 which is already over capacity by 9,355 patients or at 126% of capacity.
4. The increased population from this development = 76
 - a. No of dwellings x Average occupancy rate = population increase
 - b. $38 \times 2 = 76$
5. The new GP List size will be 45,899 which is over capacity by 9,431
 - a. Current GP patient list + Population increase = Expected patient list size
 - b. $45,823 + 76 = 45,899$ (9,431 over capacity)
 - c. *If expected patient list size is within the existing capacity, a contribution is not required, otherwise continue to step 6*
6. Additional space required = 5.70m²
 - a. The expected m² per patient, for this size practice = 0.075m²
 - b. Population increase x space requirement per patient = total space (m²) required
 - c. $76 \times 0.075 = 5.70m^2$
7. Total contribution required = **£18,240**
 - a. Total space (m²) required x premises cost = final contribution calculation
 - b. $5.70m^2 \times £3,200 = £18,240$ (£480 per dwelling).

Could you please acknowledge NHS Devon's request for an S106 contribution towards the cost mitigation of the pressures on the local healthcare facility and that it will form part of any future S106 Agreement with the Developers.

We would be grateful if you would contact Leenamari Aantaa-Collier at The Wilkes Partnership (Laantaa-collier@wilkes.co.uk; 07866 039931) who can assist your legal department in relation to the drafting of an adequate obligation which assures that the contribution delivers the mitigation requested.

Yours faithfully,



George Grote
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On behalf of:
NHS Devon ICB

