

Dear Mr Robert Wordsworth

Subject Inquiry

APP/D3830/W213266563

I would like to submit the following after receiving notification of an Inquiry that seems completely unnecessary. This application should have been fully supported not obstructed.

I supported the application and I work as an In Reach Practitioner, Sussex Community Foundation Trust in the NHS, living near Hayward's Heath. It's very clear from my experience that this facility was needed before COVID to provide choice and to reduce waiting times. However, with the current situation it is vital to have more facilities.

I understand the need for such community facilities are assessed by a quantitative and qualitative approach but am I correct that the planning department has done neither of these but still say there is no need surely the inspectorate must not accept the planning officers say so based on no evidence.

If you approach anyone in the health industry they will confirm the need for more facilities for the bereaved in Sussex. It seems to me as an NHS professional for 21 years that the planning department is being uncomprehending of the need aspect of providing this facility on an existing burial site without even carrying out a professional need survey. The site has planning already and is not very special in landscape terms so a beautiful landscaped crematorium would be an improvement.

Yours Faithfully
N Wigley