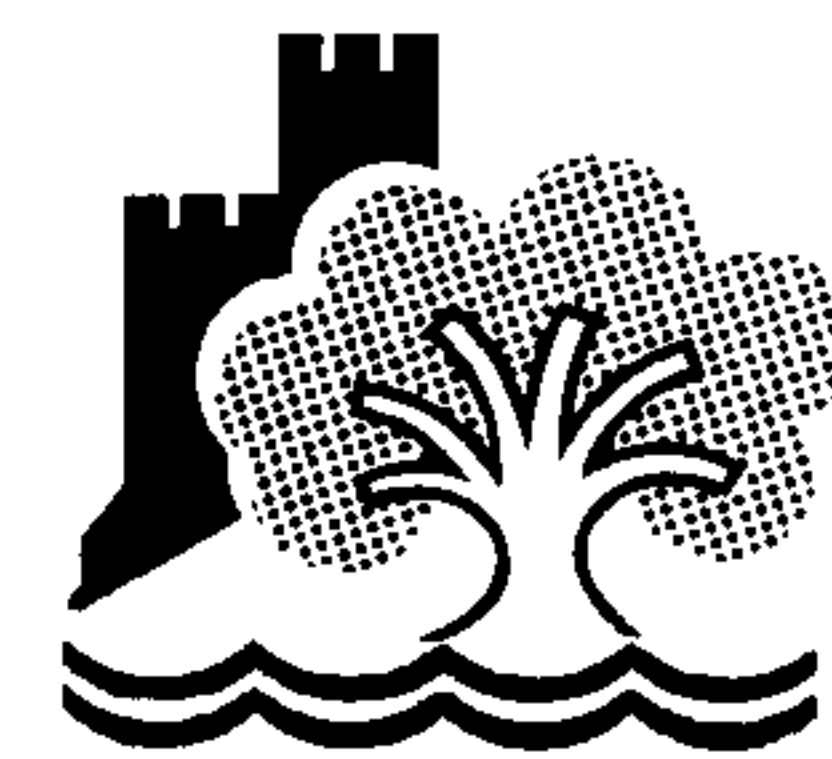


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Dear Sir / Madam

**OUTLINE: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND ERECTION OF 48 BED RESIDENTIAL CARE UNIT WITH DAY THERAPY SUITE, OUTREACH AND CONSULTING ROOMS  
MOORHURST, MAIN ROAD, WESTFIELD**

I write to confirm that the Head of Planning, in exercise of his delegated authority on behalf of this Council, has no objection to this proposal subject to the County Council being satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated sufficient need for this development in this location to justify setting aside the resultant adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the landscape and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, subject to the following comments:

1. Switching the single storey wing with the northern two-storey wing where the single storey wing would appear less obtrusive from the adjoining more open landscape to the north and where the two-storey wing would be more concealed by existing boundary trees.
2. Retention of existing trees on the front boundary with the highway and south-western boundary with the side access track/public footpath.
3. Substantive tree planting and soft landscaping to screen development from more open landscape and lane to the north-east.
4. The application being referred to the Government Office for the South East as a departure from the Development Plan.

Yours faithfully

*A. E. Rallings*  
Head of Planning