

For the attention of the Field 622 Inquiry Programme Officer.

I write in support of the proposed development of Sheltered Accommodation in Field 622.

Having worked in the Parish of St Ouen for many years with a Pastoral role through the Church, I am fully aware of the need for more Sheltered Accommodation in this community where we have an increasingly aged population. The present units in Le Clos de Mahaut and Le Jardin de la Rue have ensured over many years that parishioners who have dearly wanted to spend their twilight years in their parish, in many cases the parish of their birth, have been able to do so. Let's have sufficient sheltered housing for this to continue.

Considerable time and effort has been spent to find the most suitable site for this next development, with the understanding that it has to be within reasonable access on foot to the shops, the bus route, the Community Centre and the Parish Hall. Field 622 fits the bill. It is indeed in agricultural use but the area designated is virtually surrounded on three sides by other residential units and leaves a considerable part of the field to continue to be used as at present. The loss of the developed part of the field to agriculture is a small price to pay for the greater good of the community.

There will be a number of objectors, especially nearby residents who do not want any development in their back yard. I know, though, that there are many in the parish who are fully supportive of the plans and I join with them in longing for the construction of the 19 sheltered housing units to go ahead as soon as possible.

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