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Date: 19/12/2024

Subject: Support for Planning Application PL/24/1501

Dear Ms. Amoah,

I am writing to express **Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust** support for the proposals being promoted and submitted by Elder under planning application PL/24/1501 for a high-quality co-living scheme in Reading town centre. I would like to highlight the importance of the discounted market rent units within the development.

Having met with Elder and their team, we are in active and ongoing discussions regarding the opportunity to secure the discounted market rent units for NHS staff and nurses. The proposals deliver much-needed purpose-built accommodation in Reading that is essential for staff who are key workers and crucial to delivering health and social care services across Berkshire.

This accommodation is needed to ensure staff have affordable, flexible, and high-quality housing near their places of work.

The lack of housing such as this is affecting staff retention and impacting the quality of service that we can offer to Reading and Berkshire residents. With a university partner we have conducted our own research in the Thames Valley, identifying that mitigating the high cost of living with housing and appropriate living spaces for staff is one of our shared strategic priorities with Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.

If you are willing to meet with us, we would be delighted to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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