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For attention of:
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Your ref:
22/03435/FUL
Our ref: ufm10(5)rtf

141-149 RAILTON ROAD, SE24 – Housing Development:

Dear Ms Bebb,

In response to your recent letter about the above application, our comments are as follows:

We regret the loss of a local health facility, following the withdrawal of services to a smaller number of sites, such as the Akerman Health Centre, which are more difficult to reach for residents from this area.

We recall that the previous use of the site was as a residential terrace, so proposals of a similar scale would be broadly acceptable. While this latest application has some attractive features, it is marred by the clumsy and over-dominant design of the top storey. The effect is exaggerated by the choice of a very dark colour for the walls of the top storey. Another application 5 years earlier proposed a continuous mansard roof profile with a flat centre section, and we consider that would be a better match with Victorian examples in the adjacent Poets Conservation Area. It would also be compatible with the increasing number of mansard roof extensions on other Victorian properties just outside the Conservation Area.

Due to the set-back of the Railton Methodist Centre from the road, the north-west flank wall of the proposed block is exposed, and would benefit from brick banding or modelling to add visual relief and reduce the apparent bulk.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary