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**Subject:** Proposed closure of Siegen Manor, Morley

Dear Cllr. Gruen,

I am e-mailing you on behalf of one of the residents of Siegen Manor. [REDACTED] has been a client since May 2015 and, as her friend and former next-door neighbour, I have visited her weekly since that time. On that basis, and as Mrs. Bew's dementia is accelerating, I can only hope Scrutiny Board decide to keep the three care homes in question open.

[REDACTED] is nearly 86 and has no immediate family; she only receives visits from myself and her 'guardians' [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She was showing signs of dementia prior to a fall at home in February 2015, at which time she suffered multiple pelvic fractures and was treated at St. James' Hospital until being discharged home that April. She was completely incapable of coping independently, despite visits from a carer four times per day. As a result of ongoing issues and concerns expressed by both the Mental Health Care team and the social worker assigned to her case a place was found for her at Siegen Manor where she has lived for the past 17 months.

While I feel a huge sense of responsibility towards [REDACTED] (I was the one who found her after she fell and who also took her to Siegen Manor as the only alternative was sectioning and a bed at Leeds Psychiatric Hospital), I cannot do more than I already am. Nor do I feel care in the community is appropriate in this case. [REDACTED] is receiving the specialist care and support she needs at Siegen Manor, which I feel is of a high quality. She knows, and is responsive to, the staff and has made friends. To move her to another home in the event the council closes Siegen Manor will be hugely disruptive to her quality of care and, I am certain, will cause her unnecessary distress.

I am sure other families affected share my view and hope you convey our grave concerns to Scrutiny Board.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]