

Re-providing for the 23 current permanent residents at £800 per week would cost £956,800 per year and at £650 per week the annual cost would be £777,400. Taking account of the gross expenditure savings from the closure of Primrose Hill, transferring all current residents to beds costing £650 per week would generate an annual saving from the closure of £101,310. In the unlikely event that all residents were to transfer to beds costing £800 per week, there would be a net cost from the closure of £78,090. The breakeven fee for all current residents would be £734.70 per week so if all residents are placed at fee levels below this the closure of Primrose Hill would generate some savings.

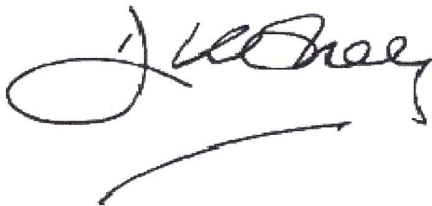
Loss of employment and impact on the local economy

There are currently 30 staff at primrose Hill and the Council's intention, should the home close, would be to help them find alternative positions within the Adult Social Care service or the wider Council. Some staff may take an opportunity for voluntary early retirement or voluntary redundancy through the authority's Early Leavers scheme.

I hope that the information contained in this letter is helpful to you. You will doubtless also be aware of a substantial submission we have received from the Primrose Hill Care Home Campaign, to which we will reply in full. With reference to your request for a further meeting, I do not think that much more could be gained by an event similar to the Parish Council meeting of 24 April, though I will be more than happy to answer any further queries your Council may have in writing.

Your comments and formal objection to the proposal have been noted and will be used as valuable information as we draft our report and recommendations, which will be considered by the Council's Executive Board in September. Thank you very much for taking the trouble to send in your very detailed contribution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Holmes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right below the signature.

Dennis Holmes
Deputy Director