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Mr R Manning
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Dear Mr Manning

Hawkhurst Castle

I am writing to you, in your capacity as the local member for Cranbrook, on behalf of Appledore Developments LLP, the owner of Hawkhurst Castle, to clarify certain points.

Appledore Developments LLP, jointly owned by Appledore Developments Ltd and James Warner purchased Hawkhurst Castle and subsequently obtained planning permission for a sixty-five bed care home and eleven close care-cottages in 2008. The sole objective of the LLP was to obtain an attractive planning permission and sell the site to an appropriate party.

As part of the marketing process, James Warner had two or three discussions/meetings with KCC to investigate whether they would be interested in taking a certain number of beds in the completed car home, in order to make it more attractive to a prospective purchaser/operator.

KCC has never approached either Appledore Developments Ltd or James Warner with regard to a possible purchase. At no time during the discussions over beds was there any inquiry from KCC with regard to a possible purchase. Incidentally, there is a large 'For Sale' sign in front of the property.

I trust that the above-mentioned information clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely

Peter Brotherton
(Chairman)



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