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Date: **15 May 2019**

Dear	
 <p>Wayfarers Consultation</p>	<p>I would like to let you know about the Wayfarers Care Home Consultation 2019.</p>
	<p>A Consultation is where we ask the people of Kent what we should do about something.</p>



This Consultation will ask what the future of the Wayfarers Care Home should be.



Kent County Council needs to make sure there is enough availability of care for older people living in Kent.



Our vision is that older people should be supported to live independently in their home, and receive the best care and support to meet their needs.



Our strategy is to have fewer residential homes and invest in other options, such as Housing with Care.

Housing with Care is where you can live independently and still receive a high level of support, promoting independence and reducing loneliness.



There have been 2 Consultations about the Wayfarers Care Home since 2010.

After the 2015 Consultation, it was decided to sell the home to an external provider who would continue the service.



There were several problems with this, and it was eventually cancelled, because it was no longer a good option for the council or the buyers.

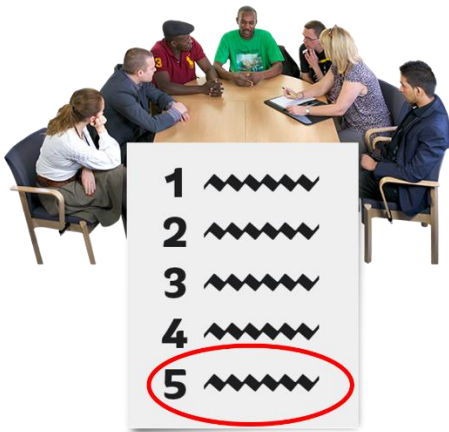


We want to reach a decision that is good for the residents and staff at Wayfarers.



There are 5 ideas that we have considered:

- Do nothing
- Redesign Wayfarers as a specialist Dementia unit
- Sell the home as a going concern
- Close Wayfarers and find alternatives
- Close Wayfarers and find alternatives, and seek to develop Housing with Care in the area



Kent County Council is now proposing to close Wayfarers and find alternatives and seek to develop Housing with Care in the area.

This would mean that the residents would move to a different home and would continue to receive the care they do now. If Housing with Care is developed, we would then offer places to Wayfarers residents if it could meet their needs.



This Consultation will start on 15 May 2019.



The Consultation will be open for 10 weeks, during which anyone can give their views.

It will end on 24 July 2019.



All responses will be sent to the Adult Social Care & Health Consultation Team, who will read and record them.



What people have told us will be shared in October.

This will be with Council Members and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health of Kent County Council. They will then make a decision.



For more information about this Consultation and to tell us what you think go to:

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Yours sincerely

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