

## Visit to Saxon Weald Premises at Storrington (in connection with Briton's Croft redevelopment)

Councillors David Barling and Paul Devlin on behalf of the Parish Council have visited the new development at Storrington owned by Saxon Weald known as Skylark and Nightingale to get a better idea of the facilities that may be proposed at Briton's Croft. This is a development 21 flats (two bedroom and one bedroom) reserved for people 60 years and above. There is no extra care facility but there is a small common room and there is also a buggy store where these are electrically charged on behalf of residents.

The scheme is excellent. The flats were spacious and with a high specification of facilities both for older people and also those for whom special disability provision was needed.

We were told that when this development was built, there was quite a high demand from other Saxon Weald residents in Storrington to move into it so quite a lot of decantation took place which in turn freed up houses to give to other families in the area.

We formed the view that this is what would happen at Steyning and that therefore our recommendation would be to support an all older persons scheme on the basis that what we had seen was so attractive, that if reproduced at Briton's Croft, other Steyning residents would want to move to it thus achieving another of our aims which is also to provide affordable accommodation for local families.

Also part of our reason was that the Briton's Croft location is ideal for the high street and thus for older persons to have access to shopping and medical facilities.

It will be interesting to see the views of the general public and neighbours when they see the proposals being put forward by Saxon Weald at their exhibition which is to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Steyning Centre in the afternoon and early evening.

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