



Tuesday 21 July 2015

Statement from Managing Director of Comprop, Steve Marie, in respect of the Open Planning meeting on Tuesday 21 July 2015 regarding the application for redevelopment of the former Green Acres Hotel site.

"At today's Planning Appeal meeting, the requested change of use for the former Green Acres hotel site to be redeveloped as a Care Home for Guernsey residents with dementia was **granted permission** by the Planning and Environment Department.

"We are delighted that, finally, this application has been granted approval. Green Acres has been closed as a hotel since 2012. Despite being actively advertised and marketed by local property experts since then, there have been only 10 viewings and no offers forthcoming from the Tourism sector.

"A business of local doctors had the foresight and vision to see that the refurbishment of the former hotel could be recycled into a home that would provide a Dementia care facility. This would have the benefit of greatly helping dementia sufferers and their families, and at no cost to the tax payer.

"Such opposition to the doctors' initiative from the Commerce and Employment Department, despite strong public support, has meant a huge delay and unnecessary expense for everyone involved. Thankfully, those on the decision making panel have today seen sense.

"We can now get on with the job of handing over the site to the new owners. We wish them well in this important venture, both for the families they will be directly helping, and the wider community."

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