

**Hazelton, Laura**

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**Subject:** planning reference number 2018/3956/P

Dear Laura,

I am writing to you on behalf of a very special project which potentially will come to your Borough. A collaboration between the Charity Future Dreams and the Haven to create a place of healing for women who suffer from breast cancer.

Breast Cancer affects 1 in 8 women. The diagnosis of cancer changes a woman life forever. It opens a Pandoras box where one is challenged physically, emotionally and spiritually. As a breast cancer imaging specialist I work within an expert team to offer the best possible medical treatments. We are one small component of a patients journey in a holistic model care.

In addition to my own training in western allopathic medicine I come from a family with a long history of meditation, yoga and ancient healing traditions which rely on returning the body back to balance and vitality. I have learnt that it is when we look at healing as a whole that we can achieve the best possible outcomes.

Having places where women can have support to be open, share their fears, retain their identity/self worth and find meaning/strength from their experience is a vital part of having a good outcome.

Underneath the challenges of treatment, fears of mortality and morbidity associated with both the disease and its treatment is always the knock of Hope. An opportunity to use the diagnosis of Cancer to change ones life for the better with new purpose and meaning.

This collaborative project will be a great catalyst in helping women and their families not just survive but thrive.

I write in support of creating a space. Please could you help the team with any planning permissions for building works that may need to take place to create such an oasis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information on why this project is so important.

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