

05/03/2013

Debbie Kirk
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Dear Ms Kirk,

I am representing on behalf of two Milton Keynes practices Stony Medical Centre and Stonedean Practice. I am one of the Partner GPs at Stony Medical Centre.

We have been alerted to the availability of some currently empty office space in the current Cofferridge Close development in Stony Stratford. Having had a look at the floor plans, the available space would be an ideal location to house the 2 practices. In theory the amount of floor space; car parking spaces available (which far exceeds what we currently have) and the proximity to a majority of our patients makes the Cofferridge Close development the perfect site for a health centre as well as allied services including pharmacy, physio, alternative therapies etc.

The two GP practices have been located at the current Health Centre on Market Square for almost forty years and the signs of ageing are starting to show. Essentially without a major refurbishment the space we are currently located is becoming unfit for purpose. There are several new buildings housing GP practices in Milton Keynes and they have quickly developed a reputation as becoming havens for their patients providing a lovely, calm and soothing atmosphere.

We were rather disappointed to hear that there was a planning application for a large supermarket earmarked for the Cofferridge Close development in the heart of Stony Stratford. This is an old market town and we feel 'another supermarket' development would be somewhat detrimental for the local community.

We are very excited about the possibility of an alternative use for the Cofferridge Close development and would be keen to pursue this. We feel it would restore the heart of Stony Stratford and restore a sense of community that sadly the surrounding villages and towns seem to be losing in this day and age.

The practices would be keen to enter into an application for alternative use of the Cofferridge Close development subject to agreements, planning permissions and PCT approval which would also have to be sought.

Yours faithfully

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