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Dear Sirs,

REPRESENTATION TO THE SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE

This is a representation on behalf of McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd. the market leaders in the provision of retirement housing for sale to the elderly.

We previously provided commentary to the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule in June 2014 in which we expressed our concern that the emerging CIL could prohibit the development of specialist accommodation for the elderly at a time when there is an existing and urgent need for this form of development.

In the proposed Draft Charging Schedule we note that the Council have included the following footnote which reads as follows:

<sup>1</sup>For the purposes of the CIL Draft Charging Schedule, the Council will consider developments which fall under the C3 (Dwelling houses) and C4 (Houses in multiple occupation) use class as defined in the Use Classes Order as being subject to the relevant residential rates as detailed. This excludes sheltered / retirement accommodation schemes which are defined as grouped units, usually flats, specially designed for older people encompassing communal non-saleable facilities.

We commend the Council for its commitment to ensuring that specialist accommodation for the elderly remains viable under the emerging CIL regime. We withdraw our objection to the Charging Schedule accordingly.

Thank you for the opportunity for comment.

Yours faithfully,

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