



OPEN LETTER, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN – FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

The refurbishment being proposed at 27 Nelson Road is a Stonepillow supported living project to support people who need a little help before sustaining their own property. We aim to establish a Community Home with a strong culture of 'life change ethos' for people who have previously experienced homelessness.

A similar house has been running for 5 years now in the middle of Chichester with no adverse issues from neighbours or the community as a whole; on the contrary our residents have involved themselves successfully, in neighbourhood activities such as joining the local residents' association and getting involved with street parties, etc.....

Stonepillow staff will provide support to the project on a daily basis with on call/out of hours extra cover, should it be needed, and we will circulate all necessary contact numbers for your knowledge and reassurance.

NB: This is not a direct access Hostel but a Supported Living House: the difference being that the people who will be staying at the House, are well known to us and have been working with us for up to a year before being able to live there. All of them will have spent up to 6 months to a year in a residential abstinence project before living at Nelson Road and all of them are committed to rebuild their lives with new skills to regain their confidence and just need a little of support to re-integrate in their community before becoming completely independent.

The key features of the project with Stonepillow's support are:

- Community living providing life skills support.
- Each individual will have areas of responsibility from cooking, to cleaning, to gardening, etc....
- Residents at the house will work together to negotiate and resolve any difficulties or tensions that might arise from communal living
- Residents are engaged in educational studies or/and work opportunities during the day
- Residents will be evicted immediately should they not conform or contravene their license agreements