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Cllr Adrian Vinson
Liberal Democrat Councillor for Portswood Ward
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Dear Councillor

**Re: Mr R Sharma, Date of Birth: 06 May 1955
23 Woodside Road, Southampton SO17 2GU**

I saw Mr Sharma today in the surgery with his wife. The couple were extremely distressed at the problems they have experienced in trying to sell their house due to apparent red tape on the side of the council. I was led to understand an HMO is needed to be in place in order for the sale of their house to go through. Mr Sharma is a chronically ill gentleman who has numerous health problems. One of his current problems is depression which is stemming specifically from problems he is having with the sale of his house and the problems he has faced. On account of this he has had problems with his sleep; he has also had weight loss and loss of appetite. He is desperate to sell and move into a property that is better suited to his mobility issues.

I think the council should help as much as possible in helping him through this difficult stage. I hope the council can help expedite matters with regards to his dwellings HMO status. It seems bizarre that he should be a victim of what is in effect the councils own doing. Had the various properties in his neighbourhood not been given HMO status and turned from residential properties into student letting properties this problem would not have arisen in the first place. Quite rightly, the Sharma's feel they are victims of the system.

With regards.

Yours sincerely

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