Mr M Foote Director of Corporate and Adult Services Derby City Council Council House Derby

REQUEST FOR CALL IN - BRAMBLEBROOK

We the undersigned three members of the Council give notice that we request that the Cabinet Decision of today's date regarding Bramblebrook Residential Care Home be called in as provided for in the Constitution of the Council

Signed:

Councillor Philip Hickson

Councillor Richard Smalley

Councillor Evonne Williams

Date: Tuesday 27th November 2007

CALL IN OF BRAMBLEBROOK DECISION

The reasons for the call in of the decision under OS33 are as follows:

- a. **proportionality** we do not believe that the decision proposed is either proportional to the needs of residents or the requirements of the Council as stated
- b. due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers we do not believe that full and proper consultation has taken place and we believe the professional advice was flawed in that it did not cover all the available options or explore sufficient alternatives to closure
- c. **respect for human rights** we feel the human rights of residents are being infringed by the decision. Many residents are elderly and infirm and the decision may impact seriously on their health
- d. a presumption in favour of openness we do not feel that a sufficiently open and unprejudiced discussion took place with members, residents and carers over the proposal to close the home
- e. clarity of aims and desired outcomes we believe that there are other alternatives to the closure of Bramblebrook which could be explored and the Council's aim is not clear
- f. a record of what options were considered and giving the reasons for the decision. we do not believe that all options were considered, that a full rationale of the decision was given or that proper and substantiated reasons for a closure were provided

Would you please attach these reasons to the three signatures

Councillor Philip Hickson JP Leader of the Conservative Group



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Dear Michael

Under Procedure Rule OS36 we ask that decision (Bramblebrook House) made by Council Cabinet on 27th November 2007 be called in.

We believe that the following principles have been infringed:

- Proportionality
- Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers
- Respect for human rights
- A presumption in favour of openness
- Clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- A record of what options were considered and giving the reasons for the decision
- And that "relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration".

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Mike Carr

Cllr Les Allen

Cllr Lucy Care

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