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Having read Gazette article re recent Commssion hearing re closing of two sections of Windermere, I am writing to ask that you consider the numbers of current and coming elders in our island. I am deeply concerned that especially many of us in the future may need to join those who even now are finding they have to go to off island nursing homes which makes it very hard for working children to visit regularly, never mind the expense of going off island . Please do not let only the economics of long term care drive your decision to okay loss of such beds at windemere. It was unclear to me which unit other then the already closed Wildflower Court is going to possibly be closed.

I do like the idea of smaller long term care units but the affordability factor as well as the numbers served concern me. I did come to hear the presentation by Paddy Moore re these models. I am also concerned that this may be a number of years away while the hospital is asking to nearly close half of the original number of beds originally agreed upon immediately.

As a practicing psychotherapist I have helped a number of families who have had to place elder family members both here and off island. It has been a real hardship for those placing their family member off island as taking time off work and the cost of transportation has meant many fewer visits then if placement could have happened on the island.

Whether it is housing our working islands or our seniors in need of care, we rely on your very thoughtful efforts to grapple with these needs. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely
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