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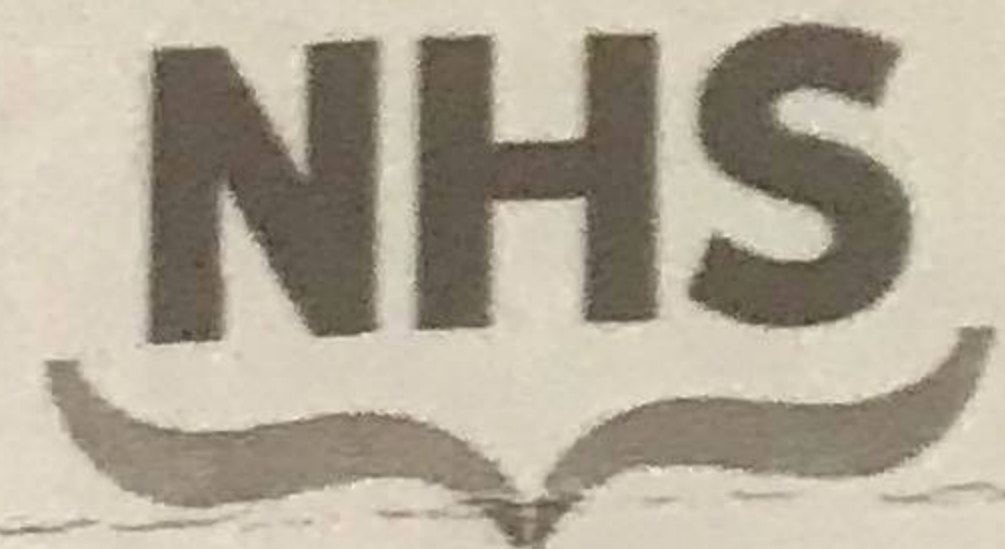
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Dear Peter,

You asked for our thoughts on the Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Development Trust developing the former Pinwherry School as a local hub and community facility.

We see the effects that social isolation can have on the health of many of our patients. There is also evidence suggesting that people who take the opportunity to be involved with others are less likely to develop dementia. We also know that engaging, particularly as a volunteer, improves peoples wellbeing. For these reasons, we actively encourage community participation at annual review appointments. At present we find patients frequently tell us they have no opportunities to become involved with events of interest to them in their locality.

For these reasons, the practice would wholeheartedly support the Pinwherry School Project.

Yours sincerely,

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