







Mrs Jo Wayland (address withheld)

9 April 2015

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Affinity Sutton to send you our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your husband Alan. We were deeply saddened to hear that Alan had died a few days ago.

Alan was held in great affection by so many of his former colleagues. Although I never worked closely with him personally, I met him on a number of occasions after the merger between Downland and Affinity and found him to be utterly charming, a modest, humorous and charismatic man. I can easily understand why he was so popular with his colleagues. He will be remembered fondly both for his work for Downland and the friendships he formed with so many of us.

I know a number of Alan's friends and colleagues will be attending his funeral on 20 April; I am very sorry that I will be unable to be there personally - we have a staff conference in Haywards Heath that day which unfortunately I am unable to miss. Even so, my thoughts will be with you and your family and Affinity Sutton will be represented strongly.

Having worked for Downland for so long and in such important senior roles, I would like to honour Alan's memory in some way and I wonder whether you would be happy if we were to name a new housing scheme after him? We would want to find a local project which is reflective of the quality of the things he did for Downland; it may take a little time to find something appropriate but if this would be agreeable to you, we will try to identify something locally to Chichester.

In the meantime please accept my deepest sympathy and very best wishes.

Yours ever

Keith Exford Chief Executive