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Dear Sir/Madam, **Your reference AWDM/0677/15**

I live in the block of flats directly opposite the site of the proposed development. The residents here are mostly retired/elderly people who value their peace and quiet.

From a purely planning perspective, I feel that the proposal represents over-development of a small house/plot, not in keeping with its neighbouring properties. It will also result in great detriment – dust, noise - to near neighbours. From a general perspective, which I accept is not entirely linked to this application, but relevant nonetheless, it is very disappointing that we are to be subjected to yet more disturbance from building works. The last 2 years have completely disproved the notion that 'Ravens Road is a quiet spot to live', as I was told when I moved here. In that time, there have probably been only three or four separate weeks when there has been no noise from building/gardening works (in about half the houses in the road). One immediate neighbour had men using a bandsaw in an open garage at 9pm in the evenings! The tradespeople have parked all over the place, often on the pavements, and even in our private grounds, with no regard for residents.

This is against a background of the road being used five days a week as a free all-day car park for train commuters, starting very early in the morning, and sometimes even in our flats' private spaces. Despite local protestations to the police and council, cars continue to park on the pavements daily, opposite other vehicles, preventing our disabled residents, local mothers with buggies and the postman with his trolley, from using the pavement, forcing vulnerable people into the road, and narrowing the space between parked cars to dangerous levels. The resultant lack of visibility when manoeuvring out of driveways can be positively dangerous. (*We recently had a fire engine reverse the length of the road because it could not get through.* This could mean life or death in a full emergency.) Also, residents' own visitors often cannot park nearby, and in frustration, join other vehicles on the pavement! The road needs residents' parking facilities and yellow lines, where the road is too narrow to accommodate parallel parking. Commuters have two car parks they can use. Instead, we pay high council taxes to subsidise their refusal to pay for parking.

I would ask therefore that any permission granted is subject to the following:

1. *That work on the site is limited to weekdays only and begins no earlier that 8am and finishes no later than 5pm. I trust that the work won't be done in the summer months, as it would mean our residents, in particular, having to live behind closed doors and windows five days a week.*
2. *That the owners of the property ensure that their builders and other tradespeople do not to park on the opposite side of the road (in front of our flats) at all, particularly not on the pavement, except briefly for deliveries.*

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

Christine E. Franklin.