

TO CASE OFFICER: RACHAEL MORRIS, EBC.

Ref planning Application: F/24/97946

SITE: Hollybank, 41 Winchester Street, Botley SO30 2EB

FROM: MRS. S. HORNE, 3, ALEXANDRA WAY, BOTLEY SO30 2ED

Date:

Having received notification from EBC with regard to the planning application F/24/97946, I strongly object to the application for the following reasons.

1) Noise pollution

Hollybank Rest Home is obviously a business that has to run 24 hrs/day, 356 days/year. Unfortunately, the current noise level that Hollybank creates is constant; day and night. The most invasive is from the kitchen, staff, music and the worst is from machines running: generator/compressor, washer/dryer machines etc.

In fact, on many occasions my sleep has been disturbed immensely and has caused me (out of sleep deprivation) to have to telephone and sometimes walk round to the Home to request machines switched off - this is not during the day but between the hours of midnight onwards. The reception received has not always been respectful and at one time was intimidating.

Further development will only add to the current problems I have to contend with. To add to this, I have been forced - through lack of sleep - to move from my garden bedroom to the road bedroom. Ridiculous to know that it is quieter in the bedroom that faces the road!

2) Light pollution

During the night, outside lights from Hollybanks are kept on permanently. These are extremely bright and shine into my house (despite trees/bushes). This means that at times, I have to close my curtains to avoid the light blinding me. With the proposed development, this will only add further light pollution as more lights will be included and left on throughout the night.

3) Parking Problems.

Parking in this residential area is already a problem. There are many occasions when staff and visitors at Hollybanks park down Alexandra Way. Whilst anyone has the right to do this, when it is a business that affects parking then they should be providing enough space themselves. This is not being achieved otherwise we would not have this congestion caused by Hollybank staff/visitors.

Consequently, once again the planning application will only cause further parking problems for local residents.

May I also draw your attention to a recent survey carried out by the local police based on the main concerns of local residents. One of the top concerns was 'parking problems'. This strongly supports the argument that the extra burden and chaos that the proposed development would cause to our local residents.

4) Environmental

Fortunately, there are trees and bushes at Hollybanks, that back onto my property. This must provide some protection against the noise and light pollution as well as helping the environment by reducing air pollution and wildlife habitat.

I foresee that there would be a need to reduce the tree and bush area in order to complete work on the extension and space required to the side of the property. This would cause loss of privacy and be visually intrusive. Environmentally, The new development would have a negative impact on wildlife as well as noise, light and air pollution with tree/bush reduction.

Residents affected by the presence of the business, Hollybanks, are extremely tolerant of the challenges that the Home currently causes. However, enough is enough and this proposed development is another nail in the coffin that will have a serious impact on our quality of life.

I strongly object to the planning application, F/24/97946 which should not be permitted. It is requested that the planning authorities seriously consider and address all the concerns raised.