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To: Local Development <Local.Development@kirklees.gov.uk>; Planning Portal <Planning.Portal@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application 2023/62/92066/E

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to planning application 2023/62/92066/E.

The report states that the building work will have no effect on local residents as it is entirely confined within the existing site.

However, this is incorrect and shows a complete lack of understanding of the area. South Parade is already extremely built up and populated by mainly Victorian terraced houses that are almost entirely reliant on street parking. Spaces are at a premium for existing residents and there is additional pressure at school drop off and collection times.

The current plan creates six parking spaces for the existing and new residents of the two houses being built, but it removes as many street parking spaces from South Parade as it creates for the new houses. The plan also underestimates the number of vehicles per household - the existing house is larger than a three bed, so will need more than two spaces and the average three bed house these days is also likely to have more than two cars. The additional vehicles will expect to use street parking, adding additional pressure to the existing and reduced residents parking.

Removing spaces from South Parade will push resident and school parking out onto Whitcliffe Road affecting traffic flow, which is already busy/at a standstill at peak times. It will also increase the likelihood of accidents, given the proximity of the roundabout and the fact that existing issues with dangerous school parking on South Parade will simply move out onto the main road.

Additional parking on Whitcliffe Road and loss of parking on South Parade, will also affect the business at the local shop as there will be less opportunity for passing shop customers to park, as was seen when Virgin and other fibre work blocked parking access in previous years.

The report that does take into account disruption to residents of the building work, does not take into account the disruption that will occur to the school during term time. I was forced to live with a potentially hazardous electricity mains cable for several months because the Council deemed that digging a hole the size of a drain cover and filling it in, a job which took less than half a day, was too disruptive to the school to be carried out in term time.

Surely, demolishing a garage and a 7 ft wall, and building a semi-detached house will have much more of a disruptive impact on the school during term time than the work I needed to have done? And yet the report makes no mention of it.

Again, the report also fails to mention the additional disruption at school drop off and collection as it allows for building work to start at 7am. There will be a direct effect on school parking between 8 and 8.40, which will then cause further noise and traffic disruption to residents.

I am aware that this objection is being submitted past the deadline. However, there has been no notification placed on South Parade where residents will be directly affected by the building work, or to my knowledge anywhere else around the property to alert residents of the application. I only found out because I bumped into the residents of the _____, and nobody I have subsequently spoken to has known anything about it.

I have also attempted to contact the planning department by phone and contact form and received no reply, so could you please acknowledge that this email objection is being considered.

Yours faithfully