

First of all, we are delighted that the building is to be restored, externally, to “as new” condition and landscaped. Despite the appallingly neglected property next door to it, most owners in the area have improved their properties and this development will certainly improve the area.

We are also pleased that it will serve a useful purpose and, hopefully, provide good quality support to young parents who need to work.

There is, however, an important issue which can easily be managed.

As you know, we at No. 8, 10, and 10a, had significant access problems when the surgery was in operation. Delivery vans had to park in the middle of the road (thereby blocking it completely), whilst the drivers unloaded deliveries and attempted to trolley them up the gravel drive. They were very unhappy if the delivery was a heavy appliance such as a washing machine, and we even had to have a shower tray re-delivered (at extra cost) at the weekend, when the road was clear.

More importantly, missed an appointment at QA Hospital because we could not get the car out of the drive and into Queens Road!

You have already referred to concerns over parking in your on-line statement, and it is very likely that there will be no more than eight parking spaces for the fifteen staff. This would lead to permanently parked cars at the entrance to Queens Road, for the whole day!

The “no parking” restriction needs to be extended up to the gravel drive which provides access to Nos. 8, 10, and 10a. It only needs to apply to one side of the road.

We have previously discussed this issue with one of your colleagues, who stated that there would be some costs involved in providing this restriction. Surely this would be an ideal time to recover the costs from the developer?

If nothing is done, we fear that there will be problems developing between the local residents and the operators of the new business, which would need the intervention of the Borough Council.