

McCormack House - APP/23/00996

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Subject: McCormack House

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Good morning,

We spoke some time ago to Lesley on the subject of planning application for change of use at McCormack House, following which we submitted our objection to the proposal. We were one of the earliest respondents [redacted text].

McCormack House [redacted text] with significant oversight to our living space and the quality of life we have come to expect within the established character of St Faith's Conservation Area. After careful consideration of the proposals within Planning Application APP/23/00996 we find the intended use to be unacceptable. In summary our concerns are:-

The first-floor classrooms (I38 & IF03) facing South directly overlook our bedroom and bathroom, [redacted text].

We note the operational hours of the premises to be 09.00 to 15.00 hrs (Mon-Fri) during normal school term periods but request it noted that as detailed under Policy CS16 of Havant Local Plan, "development does not cause unacceptable harm to the amenity of neighbours through smell, LOSS OF PRIVACY, outlook, NOISE and OVERLOOKING". This is of particular relevance to activity in the building curtilage, the majority of which is located to the South of McCormack House. The proposed designated play area will definitely impose a noise disturbance to us and those in the immediate neighbourhood, including those working from home. Within the proposal there is reference to extracurricular activity which will also potentially impact on Policy CS16.

We have noted the fence construction plans but emphasise the need to maintain the current height and density of shrub hedging on the Southern boundary adjacent to the Twitten footpath, offering as it does both security and pleasantness of outlook for neighbours and users.

Significant concerns are on the timing, quantity, manoeuvring of traffic and people at the McCormack House entrances, exits, adjacent roads and planned parking. The anticipated scale of activity is predicted to be totally unacceptable for an established conservation area, the infrastructure and existing venues. It would be real loss to see any negative impact on the Spring Art & Heritage Centre which has brought an essential and unique cultural presence to Havant.

We trust the views expressed are balanced and thoughtful, our conclusion is the development to be totally unsuitable for the location under consideration and should be rejected.

Best regards,

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