

61 Scratchface Lane
Bedhampton
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Mrs D Hayward
Case Officer
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Dear Mrs Hayward

Application number: APP/16/01043

Objection: To the change of use to the building at the rear from (B2), general industrial manufacture of fibre glass boats to (B8), storage of concrete cutting equipment with associated collection and delivery traffic

I strongly object to the above Application on the following grounds:

1. The site is in the middle of a densely populated residential area that is not conducive to any business which will create noise, odours, potentially toxic environmental issues or increased traffic, some or much of which will be variously heavy or large, or parking problems. Despite the claim that all parking will be on-site. It is not unreasonable to suppose that these traffic issues would spill into adjacent roads.

At the time B2 status was granted the industrial unit backed onto an area of garages used for the local residents to park their cars. The garages fell into disrepair and disuse as they became the centre of vandalism and other anti-social behaviour. The garages were demolished to make way for a number of social housing properties.

2. The road way is relatively narrow with parking permitted on either side. Access to the site by large vans or bigger, heavier vehicles will require the creation of "no parking" zones along Scratchface Lane. The Lane is already extensively used by residents for parking purposes and visitors to the recreation ground and MUGA throughout each day.

It is unacceptable that there should be less parking along the road when it is already so heavily used and where residents may already have to park some distance from their house. The properties on the south side of the Lane do not have garages or driveways, so residents have no option but to park their vehicles on the road.

Some residents have resolved this issue by digging up their front

garden to replace it with block paving in order to accommodate their cars. This obviously leads to other environmental issues such as flooding.

3. The Lane is used as a route for children walking to and from school. Young children walking on their own or cycling who are not necessarily skilled in the concept of road safety will be put at increased risk. The Lane also has a considerable amount of foot traffic particularly dog walkers en route to the recreation ground to exercise their dogs. This is frequent during early mornings and towards the end of the afternoons and considerably more often at weekends, ie during the normal working hours of business of the applicant.

There is already increased traffic using the Lane as a "rat run" as a result of the new development at the far end of Scratchface Lane/Hillmead Gardens.

4. The reduced quality of life and the mixed nature of the neighbourhood (ie mixture of residential and industrial) will result in lower property prices meaning that the applicant saves money at the expense of all others in the area. No doubt there will be no offer of compensation. Local residents will be trapped, less able to afford to move to other areas.
5. The proper place for such a business is to be found in an industrial area where proper facilities, suitable access and parking are provided. To bring such an establishment inside a residential area, as a cheaper option, is totally unacceptable and shows a blatant disregard for the lives, health and well-being of the residents not just those immediately bordering the site but for some distance around.
6. Residential areas are supposed to be just that. How or why this site was granted permission to operate a glass fibre manufacturing business is beyond me and happened before I moved here. To allow it to develop into something even more "anti-residential" flies in the face of common sense or any form of justice. Why is this even being considered?

The house should revert to residential status only to be in keeping with the surrounding area.

Yours sincerely



A. McCarthy (Mrs)

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