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Dear Sirs

Proposed Development at 2 Glenwood Gardens –
Application Number 17/00333/

I wish to register a strong objection to the above application. The principal objection is on the grounds of safety. When the Edendale Nursing Home planning application was in its planning stages, concerns were expressed about the problems of cars turning out of Glenwood Gardens into Silvester Road. It was felt that cars would be parked directly opposite the junction, and that parking spaces allowed were insufficient. The application was granted, but after several motor vehicle accidents a decision was taken to install double yellow lines for a short distance either side of the junction. This did improve the situation, but only in respect of private cars. Commercial vehicles delivering to the nursing home, and waiting taxi drivers are frequently parked directly opposite the exit from Glenwood Gardens. And as the home reached its full complement of residents, visitor parking now extends significantly on both sides of Silvester Road from the end of the yellow lines.

Consequently, with the parking of larger vans adding to the difficulty, sight lines in both directions are very much obstructed, and near misses are commonplace as there is often only one lane available between the parked vehicles. It is often necessary to stop well short of the junction when exiting Glenwood Gardens as the only sight line on either side is inside a row of parked vehicles.

If this development is allowed, with a six-foot fence erected, it will almost totally block this line of sight, and in many instances daily will cause cars to inch forward to see beyond the line of parked traffic: which will inevitably cause them to enter the often only single lane available. The likelihood of traffic collisions will be significantly greater than before the care home was built, and would be contrary to the reasons of safety given and established when the double yellow lines were first installed. Councillor Gerald Shimbart was very much involved in the various discussions, and I am sure would be able to cast a more detailed light on the factors considered at the time.

It is also believed that the owner of the house opposite at 1 Glenwood Gardens has, on several occasions over the years, tried to purchase the similar piece of land on the opposite corner, but has been rejected each time: not only on safety grounds but, it has been alleged, because the ownership of the two tracts of land is not clearly established. Were this application to succeed, then there could be no objection to a similar application from the owner of No 1 Glenwood Gardens. In such a case, the difficulty of turning in either direction out of Glenwood Gardens would be severely exacerbated.

I would be most grateful if these circumstances were to be given serious consideration in deciding the application.

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J C Williams (Mr)