

Objection to Planning Application APP/26/00065 – 1 Ferndale

My name is [REDACTED]

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed 9-bedroom HMO at 1 Ferndale.

I am really unhappy about this proposal and genuinely worried about what it could mean for the area I live in. I work hard to be able to afford to live in Ferndale and I love living here. It is a lovely residential area and the fact that it feels like a settled, quiet place to live is a big part of why people want to live here.

I am worried that turning this property into a 9-bedroom HMO would completely change the feel of the house and potentially the feel of the road. Nine separate people living there is very different from having a normal family home, and I am concerned about the amount of people coming and going, noise, deliveries, bins, visitors and general activity that this could bring.

Parking is already a big problem in Ferndale. Cars are regularly parked on both sides of the road and there are times when it is already difficult to get through the road properly. I cannot understand how adding a property with nine bedrooms and potentially a large number of vehicles will not make this worse. Even if parking is supposedly provided on the property, there will still be visitors, deliveries and other vehicles coming and going.

I am also very concerned about the existing drainage and flooding problems in the area. We already see localised flooding around pavements and driveways, so I do not think this can just be overlooked. I would like the Council to properly investigate whether the existing drainage is suitable for the proposed use and whether this development could make the situation worse.

I am also worried about the longer-term effect on the area. I chose to live in Ferndale because it is a nice residential place to live, and I would hate to see it gradually become an area dominated by HMOs and more transient accommodation. I am concerned that this could make the area less attractive to families and other people who want to settle here, and could potentially affect the desirability and value of the homes around it.

I appreciate that people need somewhere to live, but I do not believe that means every residential property is automatically suitable for conversion into a 9-bedroom HMO. I feel this proposal is simply too intensive for this particular property and location.

I would ask the Council to properly consider the effect this will have on the people who already live here, including parking, traffic, noise, refuse, drainage, flooding and the general character of the area.

I strongly object to this application and I sincerely hope the Council will refuse permission.