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Subject: Objection to Planning Application Ref: S62A/2024/0040

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to formally lodge an objection to the planning application (Ref: S62A/2024/0040) for the proposed installation of a large 'stretch tent,' measuring 6m x 10m, in the front garden of a listed building located on The Promenade. This objection is based on several significant concerns regarding the potential impact of this development on the surrounding residential area, particularly on the quality of life for the residents.

First and foremost, I would like to address the issue of noise. I am deeply concerned about the potential increase in noise levels associated with outdoor events, workshops, and meetings that would take place within the stretch tent. The residential area in which this Grade 2 listed building is situated is known for its tranquility and the fact that it is possible to sleep at night with minimal disturbance. The introduction of regular events in the front garden, particularly those involving amplified music or speaking, would undoubtedly disrupt this serenity. Moreover, the downhill nature of the area means that noise carries very badly, exacerbating the impact on residents' daily lives. I am informed that in previous years the neighborhood has had to complain on multiple occasions to the council due to event noise from a vicinity on The Promenade which was eventually resolved.

Furthermore, [REDACTED] The unpredictable and potentially disruptive nature of events held in the stretch tent would pose a significant challenge for them, potentially leading to heightened anxiety and distress. It is crucial that the planning decision takes into account the needs of all residents, including those with specific vulnerabilities or sensitivities.

Additionally, I would like to highlight the issue of parking. The proposed use of the stretch tent for various events is likely to attract a significant number of attendees, many of whom would require parking spaces. The limited availability of parking in the vicinity of The Promenade is already a source of frustration for residents, and the introduction of additional vehicles associated with events would only exacerbate this problem. This could lead to congestion, obstruction of access for emergency vehicles, and inconvenience for residents and visitors alike. We note that there is already a lot of overspill parking down our streets from The Promenade.

A further concern is that there are several corporate properties along Clifton Down, many of which may choose to have outdoor space if this planning permission is granted. This is a residential area, without any licenses approved, with the sole exception of The Mansion House, which is exclusively an indoor day time space.

Another issue of concern is the impact that the structure may have on wildlife. The outdoor space is currently available for wildlife to walk through at night time without having an adverse impact on the occupiers or the rest of the site. It will be almost impossible to prevent rubbish and litter being dropped, given the nature of the structure being outdoors, whatever cleaning efforts may be made, this may well lead to harm for wildlife. The woods opposite Clifton Down are a haven for wildlife and birds of many kinds, and the imposition of a space will have a harmful environmental impact, which would be against the stated aims of the Council.

A further concern is that the outdoor space may pose a fire risk, due to the inevitable use of electronics and the opportunity for people to smoke. Given the space is not set up to provide electronics, and the inclement British weather it seems highly likely that space heaters may be required on occasions. These all have a deleterious impact on the Climate Emergency, and will increase the risk of fire and damage to local spaces.

Finally, given the limited public transport options to the area it is inevitable that increased use of cars will be required to access the venue. Given the site falls outside of the Clean Air Zone there would be no requirement for cars to meet emissions targets, and so it is likely the additional traffic will have a

harmful impact on the health of residents, which would once again be against the stated aims of the council. This would also be against the stated aims of the council to minimize the additional impact of the Climate Emergency.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the planning department to reconsider the approval of this application in light of the concerns raised above. The proposed development has the potential to significantly diminish the quality of life for residents in the surrounding area, exacerbate existing issues with noise and parking, and disproportionately impact vulnerable members of the community. I respectfully request that these objections are given full consideration during the decision-making process.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these objections.

Yours sincerely,

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