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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:17 PM

To: Section 62A Applications Non Major <section62anonmajor@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Opposition to HMO Plans 20 Conway Road BS4 3RF

Dear Planning Inspector,

I am writing to express the collective opposition of residents to Planning Application S62A/2024/0041, proposing the conversion of 20 Conway Road, BS4 3RF, into a 7-person House in Multiple Occupation (HMO). We firmly believe that this development is unsuitable for and would negatively affect the character and well-being of our close-knit community.

Our specific concerns are as follows:

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- 1. **Parking and Road Safety:** Conway Road is a quiet cul-de-sac with very limited on-street parking. The property itself has no driveway, and accommodating seven occupants, along with their visitors, would inevitably worsen the existing parking situation and pose a significant safety risk in a street that lacks a turning circle.
- 2. **Community Character:** Our street is predominantly made up of family homes, and the introduction of such a large HMO would disrupt the established balance and atmosphere of the neighbourhood. This would undermine the strong sense of community we have built, which is exemplified by the recent formation of our Neighbourhood Watch group.
- 3. **Environmental Impact:** A 7-person HMO would undoubtedly increase noise levels and waste production, putting additional pressure on local resources and potentially detracting from the quality of life for neighbouring properties.
- 4. **Lack of Precedent:** We are not aware of any other HMOs of this size within similar 1930s-style houses on Conway Road. The one existing 4-person student HMO occupies a much larger Victorian property and did not require any structural alterations.
- 5. **Inadequate Provisions:** The property does not have adequate space for bicycle storage, and the proposed access via the rear lane is impractical.
- 6. **Strength of Feeling:** There is overwhelming opposition to this proposal amongst Conway Road residents, who feel that a 7-person HMO is simply too large for this location.

In light of these serious concerns, we strongly urge the council to refuse Planning Application S62A/2024/0041. We believe that this development would be detrimental to the character of Conway Road and could set a harmful precedent for future planning decisions in our area. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss alternative, more appropriate uses for the property that would be in keeping with the existing community.

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Yours sincerely,