

**From:** Councillor Andrew Varney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 6:42 PM  
**To:** Section 62A Applications Non Major <section62anonmajor@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Planning Application S62A/2024/0056 1 Repton Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 3LS

Dear Sir/Madam,

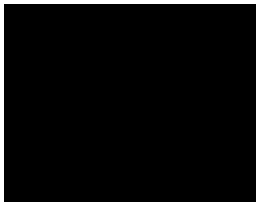
I am writing to make clear my opposition to the proposals to convert an important retail space on a key shopping street into residential units.

As one of the city councillors for Brislington West, in which this site is located, I have worked hard with my colleague, Cllr Jos Clark, to make our local shopping area an attractive and viable place in which to shop and trade.

Although empty for a few years, and allowed to deteriorate by its current owners, this commercial space is in a prominent location at the junction of Sandy Park Road, our key local shopping area, and Repton Road. It is my belief that this unit is an important part of the retail offer on Sandy Park Road and its loss would have a detrimental impact on the long-term viability of Sandy Park Road to remain an attractive retail area with a range of units for future occupiers. Once gone, it will be gone forever. I have no objection to the upper floors being used for residential purposes, but the ground floor should retain its retail role.

I have also objected to the application for Change of Use on Bristol's Planning Portal, and at the time of writing, several local residents have done so too.

Yours faithfully,



**Cllr Andrew Varney**  
**Lord Mayor of Bristol 2024-2025**  
**Liberal Democrat Councillor for Brislington West**

