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**Subject:** S62A/2025/0101 - 7 Belvedere Road BS6 7JG

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the planning application to convert No. 7 Belvedere Road into 12 flats for dementia patients, a move that would significantly worsen the already critical situation in our street.

For years, our community of residents—owners and tenants alike—has fought to preserve the character and livability of our neighbourhood by resisting further commercialisation, particularly the expansion of Meadowcare's footprint in the area. This application represents yet another step in the wrong direction, and I ask that it be firmly rejected.

**Parking Pressure:** The parking situation is dire and has not improved in the last three years. Today is one of many days where, having gone out mid-morning, I was unable to find a parking space near my home upon returning. I've often had to park 10 minutes away and walk back and forth for multiple shopping bags. The problem is compounded by care home staff holding and swapping spaces during shift changes.

**Traffic and Disruption:** With 94 nursing home beds already in the area, our road is frequently obstructed by delivery vans, ambulances, and staff pick-ups. Driveways are blocked, and cars are forced to reverse dangerously due to a lack of passing room. It's concerning every time I watch children on scooters or bikes having to weave between reversing vehicles. This not only causes daily inconvenience but raises serious road safety concerns, especially with many children walking or cycling to nearby schools.

**Noise and Day-to-Day Impact:** I work from home and the constant comings and goings make it difficult to keep windows open. Residents are also affected by noise at night from people calling out—this disturbance has a real impact on our ability to feel at ease in our own homes.

**Loss of Residential Character:** We are losing the residential character of the street, due to being surrounded by staff shifts and service vehicles. This has changed the tone and atmosphere of our neighbourhood completely—from a quiet, family-oriented street to a place dominated by institutional activity.

**Cumulative Impact:** On top of all this, we still don't know the full implications of the change-of-use application for the St Christopher's site. It is impossible to assess this application in isolation from that one, as both will clearly impact parking, road safety, and general activity levels in the area.

**Repeated Applications and Planning Clarity:** This is now one of multiple attempts to convert this property into a care facility, with only slight variations between applications. Each time, residents are forced to mobilise to protect the residential

nature of our street—at considerable emotional and time cost. The planning process should not enable repeated submissions that effectively recycle the same proposals in the hope of eventually slipping through. We urgently request that a definitive and lasting decision be made to confirm the residential status and unsuitability of this property for care home use, in order to avoid further unnecessary strain on local residents and public resources.

This development would further tip the balance in what has always been a residential neighbourhood. If PINS is minded to approve this application, then I respectfully request that a hearing be held where I and other residents can attend in person to present our statements and experiences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Sara Mitchell

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