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Squadron Leader Andrew Whitehead RAF

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Dear Sir, Madam,

Reference:

62A/2025/0101 7 Belvedere Road, Westbury Park, Bristol, BS6 7JG Site Address: 7 Belvedere Road, Bristol, BS6 7JG

Objection to additional nursing home bed spaces in Belvedere Road

I wish to express my objection to the further extension of the nursing home at 8/9 Belvedere Road, which is proposed to encompass 7 Belvedere Road.

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[REDACTED] Unfortunately, this was during works on 8-9 Belvedere Road. The level of disturbance endured for two years was incredible. Diggers, tractors, excavators, a road closure, a toilet block outside the quarter. This build adversely impacted our posting to Bristol and had a negative impact on our family's welfare. Away for lengthy periods with the military, my young family bore the brunt of this and were exposed to an unsafe environment and noise levels consistently measured to be above the equivalent of being adjacent to an A747 taking off.

Moving forward to the home in operation, it is clear the street is already at full capacity with regards parking and our drive is blocked daily by delivery trucks and emergency vehicles all associated with the nursing homes. There is no dedicated, and nor will there be, any emergency vehicle or delivery vehicle parking. This means that the road and drives will continue to be blocked on a regular basis. I fully understand the need for nursing home places, and support the homes that are already in operation here, but do not believe these are suitable for further expansion.

Given the size and bedroom capacity of nursing home premises, any increase in patients will erode the social fabric of Belvedere Road community life disproportionately. Community is vitally important to serving members of the military and their families, especially a small, isolated patch such as Belvedere Road. I would therefore suggest that approval of additional bed spaces would be contrary to the spirit of the Armed Forces Covenant, which is promoted by His Majesty's Government. Of note is that we routinely deploy on operations, I myself deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and to be housed in a street where ambulances, including private ambulances for the removal of deceased residents in body bags on trolleys, has real potential to have an adverse impact on mental wellbeing.

The planning committee has voted against this expansion on a numerous of previous occasions, and I see no significant change in the proposed development that should warrant a change in this stance. Additional nursing home bed spaces would have significant impact to local residents and I believe this is not a reasonable proposal.

An increased capacity of 30% to the Glenview nursing home premises will inevitably result in more staff, greater visitor numbers, emergency and delivery vehicles blocking the road and driveways,

attendance by routine and emergency medical staff, bin provision and collections, all of which are associated with greater levels of road traffic movements in an area that already suffers from chronic parking shortages. On any given work day, there is simply no available parking in Belvedere Road, hence the result of emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles blocking the road and driveways.

I respectfully request that this application be considered for refusal. Belvedere Road is simply unsuitable for such expansion of the already large number of nursing homes in the street. If PINS is minded to approve this application then I would request a hearing where I and other residents can attend in person to present our statements and experiences.

Yours,

Andrew