

Application Reference: S 62A/2925/0101-7 Belvedere Road BS6 7JG

As a regular visitor to The Glan and Belvedere Road Redland Bristol I am very aware of the unhappiness caused to the domestic residents living in houses and apartments in this area by continuing concerns over attempts to enlarge the extent of the Care Home in Belvedere Road which specialises in the care of very needy adults many of whom require very concentrated, individualised care.

This had led me to be aware of the following:

1. On my visits it is impossible not to take account of the traffic difficulties, whether it is daytime or evening, or at a weekend the only way of finding a parking place is to cruise round parked vehicles hoping to find a car space. Often this means negotiating round ambulances and delivery vehicles which are at a significantly greater proportion than would be expected on a domestic, residential street.
2. There are a significant number of families across these immediate streets and this means children of a range of ages who become aware of a number of happenings which could cause distress such as; adults who are clearly having difficulties with their environment, some apparently very sick people on stretchers, a vast number of staff in medical uniforms and some obvious times where there are emergencies. All of these as someone who visits one or two times a month I have personally seen. It is one thing taking a child to a hospital as a patient or visitor but another thing if it affects your home environment. Increasing the level of care facilities will exacerbate this situation.
3. Any building across the area causes disruption; it entails many pieces of equipment, noise which can generate significant stress and of course even more equipment to block a road. A further increased level of development will exacerbate the situation for existing residents.
4. My understanding of the care of frail residents who might have dementia needs is that there is increasing awareness that the best care includes a supportive environment, ease of seeing those who care about them, significant access to green and tranquil space and of course access to nourishing food, beverages and personal care like washing, hairdressing etc. Currently anyone visiting the area might be stressed before they have seen the person they wish to visit. Any patient will have their overall environment compromised by further building, more traffic and parking difficulties, there will be greater difficulties delivering specialized care such as food, physiotherapy and hygiene support and there will be even more limited access to any tranquil green spaces.

My understanding is that if PINS is minded to approve the current application local residents will request a hearing where they can attend in person to present their statements and experiences.

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