

Planning application objection

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Section 62A Applications Non Major

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application No 25/14959/PINS

Site Address: 26 Sturdon Road

I am writing to object to the planning application for 26 Sturdon Road to be turned into a House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO), including a cycle and refuse store.

We have many HMOs in Sturdon Road, particularly that end of the street. House numbers 16, 19 and 21 are already HMOs (unfortunately 'trapping' house number 20 in the middle). On the opposite side of the street, number 37 is also a HMO. I know there are more HMOs in the upper part of the road also.

They have a minimum of 6 people living in each house, and even though some tenancy agreements have said they restrict the number of cars that can be owned by the tenants, this has proven to be difficult to enforce.

The car parking in Sturdon Road is very challenging, which should not be the case, given that half the street is not residential, but is a park and court. The number of HMOs has made parking unbearable. I came home from work at 6pm tonight, and could not park in the road. This is a daily occurrence. When I moved to [REDACTED] I could always comfortably park in the street (prior to the HMOs).

The nature and community of the road has also changed since I have lived here. Due to the number of HMOs, and transient people coming and going, it has changed the sense of community in the street. We no longer know our neighbours and there appears a disrespect for the neighbourhood. Many of the HMOs have a rubbish problem, for example, leaving broken furniture in the front gardens. There is also an anti-social problem with some of the HMOs e.g. smoking weed in the garden until the early hours of the morning and playing music late into the night.

It would be far more appropriate if the house were to remain as a single dwelling, and hopefully occupied by a family.

I strongly object to this application. I anticipated this would happen when I saw the property sold so quickly. My concern was so great, that I wrote to Bristol City Council in September to enquire if there had been a planning application, and to lodge my objection at that time about the possibility of this house being turned into a HMO. I was told then, there was no such application, but clearly it has been submitted since.

I know many of my elderly neighbours are equally upset about this house becoming an HMO, but do not know how to go about sharing their concerns with you. It is disappointing also, that only a couple of houses in the street received the letter notifying them of the planning application. I only live at [REDACTED], which is very close to 26, but did not receive such a letter. I'm sure if more people in the road were aware of this application, you would get more objections.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Angharad Davies