

Statement from Mr Robert True,

I would like this additional statement to be added to my original planning objection concerning 20 Howard Road (Application 21/01047/FUL).

I am deeply concerned that this planning application has not already been rejected for the reasons clearly outlined in my previous objection. The issues that I previously raised can not simply be brushed aside and ignored; they must be acted upon.

Of particular concern is the careless manner in which serious traffic and parking issues have evidently been dismissed. The panel must, therefore, be made aware of the important details that have been deliberately ignored.

Howard Road is an extremely busy road, with ever-increasing amounts of traffic, that now includes articulated lorries, buses, and coaches. The volume of traffic is always increasing and never decreasing; and the council can not claim ignorance of this in light of the expansion of St. Mark's School. The road is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and local residents trying to enter and exit their properties by car. The traffic does not – repeat **does not** – give way to those trying to enter and exit their properties. This is a huge hazard that has been completely ignored and must not be ignored by the panel, especially considering the vast number of school children using the road to access multiple nearby schools at St. Mark's, Bannister, Springhill, St. Anne's and King Edward's. If offices are permitted to exist at 20 Howard Road, this will mean a grossly increased risk to pedestrians and passing vehicles posed by a huge number of vehicles turning into 20 Howard Road and exiting 20 Howard Road at all times of the day, seven days a week.

Compounding the above issue is the fact that there is a children's nursery virtually opposite 20 Howard Road, that already causes the same dangerous traffic issues at certain times in the morning and mid-to-late afternoon, for the very same reasons as listed above. There has been a serious accident immediately outside the nursery gate caused by someone exiting the nursery not paying attention to an oncoming motorcyclist. Granting permission to this application will mean that the exact same traffic issues and hazards are present on **both** sides of the road in the **exact same location** of the street. I have no doubt that there will be traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities in this area of the street if this application is approved. Please note that if there are any such future incidents, I will hold the applicants, the members of the panel, and the council, legally responsible and I will bring the matter to the attention of the media and the Cabinet Office. I strongly suggest that you listen to those of us who know best about the matter, considering our 30 years' experience living on the street.

Furthermore, there is already an issue with non-residents parking on the road and blocking our driveways. This problem has existed for many years and will almost certainly be made far worse if offices are allowed to exist at 20 Howard Road. The applicants need to be made aware that neighbours will report them for **every vehicle** that parks across our properties, blocks our driveways, or causes us noise or disturbance in any way. We will be keeping written, photographic, and video evidence of every instance, should this application be approved.

As yet another matter to raise, vehicles, including delivery vans, regularly use the driveways of properties in the immediate area to turn around, often when high levels of traffic are present to avoid waiting in the queue. I have observed this happening at 20 Howard Road, along with 19 (the children's nursery) 21, 22, and my property at 24 Howard Road. Visitors to offices at 20 Howard Road are highly likely to do exactly the same after having parked on the road.

The sheer level of disrespect local residents have been shown by the applicants in this case is despicable. Once again, I stress that this application must be rejected and the voice of local people must be heard.