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Subject: 22/00737/FUL. 382 Winchester Road Southampton SO16 7DH. Objection submission.

Dear Planning Committee,

We are residents in Warwick Road and write as people who will be directly affected should this planning application for a hotel be allowed to go ahead. We are totally and absolutely opposed to it.

The revised application is still for a 34 room hotel which will also employ an undisclosed number of staff. This would imply that there will be at least 34 residents cars that will be looking for overnight parking together with the manager and hotel staff. A conservative estimate therefore puts the total number of vehicles at 40 which under the current application are all supposed to fit into eight car parking spaces on site.

A wider view of the area will show that the council are currently misguidedly forcing more and more cars to park in Upper Shirley by restricting and the various streets that run off Upper Hill Lane and Winchester Road. Permit and resident parking is or will be in force in the Hollybrook and Seymour Road areas. To allow this hotel project to proceed would be the best way for the council to add to these parking issues and the frustrations of local residents. It should be remembered that the Winchester Road surroundings are primarily residential and not commercial. A hotel is a commercial building. The fact that the new proposals include the addition of a gym and secure bicycle storage implies that the target audience of the hotel is largely the younger guest who will be looking for evening entertainment. The area is quiet at night currently and having young guests returning after an evening out may well change the character of the area.

We would very strongly urge that the proposal for this hotel should be refused. Our area has been changed enough by the parking changes made by the council and its continued consents for the hospital to expand with more and more staff. The local area is becoming dangerously overcrowded with hospital workers and staff from the Winchester Road Retail Park. Even though the new park and ride facility at the hospital has opened, it has made no impact on removing daily parkers from the surrounding residential streets. The Hollybrook restrictions will make the area that surrounds the proposed hotel far worse than it is currently. The proposed hotel is yet another factor that will add very significantly to an already growing problem. It is entirely unfair that many residents are currently seriously considering selling their houses and moving entirely due to the actions of the council with their forcing additional parking and traffic in the residential streets.

Kindest regards

Susan and David Crampton-Barden