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Planning Application: **24/0865/FUL**  
Reference: DC/Thomas Faherty  
Site: 74 Oldfield Road, Hampton

26<sup>TH</sup> April 2024

Dear Mr. Faherty,

**Please find attached my Objection to:**

**Planning Application 24/0865/FUL**

Demolition of existing building and redevelopment of site to provide a two-storey self-storage facility (Use Class B8) and business centre (Use Class E (g)(i)) with an additional floor at basement level. Associated car and cycle parking, and landscaping.

Yours Sincerely,

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cc: Munira Wilson MP, Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Suzette Nicholson, Cllr. Sam Dalton.

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**My objection is the unsuitability of this proposed building and its use in this location and the adverse effects it will have on the environment, amenities and residents.**

## **Application Form Proposed Opening Hours 00.06>2300 -365 days a year**

*If this is an error on the Application Form, it is a pretty fundamental and sloppy one or a disingenuous attempt to have Planning Permission granted which would allow unlimited operating hours.*

Completely unacceptable, maximum opening hours no earlier and no later than 08.30 > 18.00hrs Monday to Friday. Saturday 08.30 > 13.00. No Sundays, Bank Holidays or Christmas period opening.

## **Employment and Proposed Parking**

**Proposed number of employees 66 an increase of 300% with one employee parking space, 2 visitor and 7 customer spaces!**

The current company in residence has 16 parking spaces for its 22 employees! Where do employees and customers park? Every large planning application says the same thing that there will be little if any impact on residents or the locality, **the reality is always the exact opposite!**

**Bicycles 31** For a storage company, this is one of the most absurd comments, are they to be taken seriously? People will not deliver or collect their stored items by bicycle.

## **Proposed Building**

**Current Building Size is 1629m<sup>2</sup> now proposed to increase to 5,434m<sup>2</sup>.**

**Building Design:** Ugly, architecturally inept, out of character, too big, too imposing, overwhelming mass.

Noise factor during construction too great, effects of vibration from excavation, pile driving etc., particularly on nearby older properties is of concern. Increase in anxiety and stress levels to residents. It looks as if it belongs on a commercial or industrial park where it wouldn't be seen, not in Oldfield Road or Hampton.

**Roller Shutters** There is no such thing as a quiet roller shutter, I think it is safe to say that customers won't be bothered by the noise they create.

**Proposed Signage:** Unnecessary and unsightly red cladding, (*presumably illuminated although it's not specified*) it should be discreet and stylishly designed rather than bullying and aggressive.

## **Shureguard On-line Survey**

Apparently there was an online survey that had a very low response which is being interpolated that residents had no objection to this development...perhaps that was because not that many Residents were aware of it!

## **Lighting**

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**Excusing Light Pollution saying...***'the scheme has been designed to limit the environmental impact and potential light pollution through the installation of luminaires with suitable photometric optics to minimise light spill'...* **There is already too much light pollution we do not need more.**

#### **Building perimeter lighting**

The general building perimeter includes maintenance and escape walkways which will be illuminated to a minimum level of 5lux at 0.25 uniformity. The luminaires used to illuminate the footpaths will be mounted at a height of either 3m or 4m above finished ground level. The walkway luminaires will be controlled by a photoelectric sensor providing automatic dawn to dusk control with a manual on/off switch **\*\*to enable the lights to be switched off outside of business hours.**

**\*\*Proposed operating hours 00.06 > 23.00hrs, lighting will never turn off.** *(Planning Application Form)*

## **Noise Assessment Document**

Accepts there will be and an increase in noise, but tries to argue with unintelligible industry speak that there will be no discernible increase. But it will generate noise, presumably in their interpretation to an acceptable level. The report seems only to concentrate on the small area immediately to the south and west of the site in Oldfield Road.

Apparently we are not people anymore we are **'Receptors'** that will be affected! I think this shows the general level of contempt to the community this proposal is introducing.

There is no consideration given to the other imported noises from customers, shouting, vehicles, slamming vehicle doors, unloading and loading and other operational noise etc. all of which **'Receptors'** will be expected to live with.

**Why should any increase in noise be deemed acceptable?**

## **General Observation**

The Application does not refer to any effects, stress or consequences on other near neighbours or the locality during all aspects of construction, and after, the increase in traffic, road safety, parking pressure, noise and disruption in Percy Road, Station Road, Oldfield Road (east and west sides) and adjoining roads. By their very omission are they thought of as unimportant, irrelevant or even unworthy of consideration?

In general the many supporting Planning Documents submitted, show clearly how little, if any, consideration has been given to near Neighbours, the Environment, the Community or Amenities.

## **Conclusion**

**This development will do nothing to improve or enhance the environment and amenities but would be considerably detrimental to the quality of life for many people, long into the future.**