



North PLANNING COMMITTEE - UPDATE SHEET

11 August 2020

Item 5 – DC/20/0951/FUL - The demolition of existing commercial buildings and the construction of a residential development of 31 - one bedroom flats over 3/4 storeys with undercroft parking and associated works at JD Power Tools, Alexandra Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1PL

Two third party letters of Objection have been received since the committee report was published:

Letter 1 from resident of Melbourne Road, Lowestoft

"I believe the amended plans include underground parking that a resident has objected to. Also, Alexander Road has some fine buildings-they are the white blocks to maybe shift attention from how inappropriate this build is. Recently North Lowestoft HAZ recommended against ESC building more supported housing behind the town hall saying there was a dearth already. One-bedroom flats seem to indicate supported housing and if not in no way meets the need for affording housing for families. As I have already said if it is genuinely to be let just to single people it is very poor planning and more like student accommodation."

Letter 2 from resident of 70 Alexandra Road, Lowestoft

"Good evening

I have just seen in the Lowestoft Journal that there is a planning proposal for a commercial property on Alexandra Road Lowestoft.

As a resident of Alexandra Road I have not been made aware of such an enormous planning proposal and wish to raise concerns.

I know that many of my neighbours, if they were aware would have similar concerns. My concerns are as follows:

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DX: 41400 Woodbridge

POSTAL ADDRESS Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft NR33 0EQ
DX: 41220 Lowestoft

1) parking is an issue along the road currently with enough space only for 1 car per household. We also have the doctors surgery causing parking issues. Visitors to the 31 flats proposed would cause us a lot of issues.

2) there is a proposed under ground parking structure which concerns us regarding the stability of the ground impacting our own houses.

3) the flats are 1 bedroom properties. How will these be used? Private sales to the public or social housing. Social housing of that magnitude would bring a lot of potential problems to this road.

4) Drop in house value. Currently this road holds property value quite well which this building, dependent on its use could impact.

I wish these to be logged as an objection to the planning proposal. I have seen online that consultation has been closed but we were not consulted in the road!"

Case Officer Note:

The application was published in the Local Press as a Major Application, and a site notice was also displayed at the site to advertise the application. The only property that adjoins the application site is 61 Alexandra Road, and this property was consulted directly, by letter. This publication/consultation process is in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, as amended.