

Dear Mr Zuk,

I understand that you are still open to receiving comments on the planning application to turn office space above McDonalds into a hotel.

We object to the application on the following grounds:

Traffic and schoolchildren's safety on Holmes Road has been improved by school street restrictions. Although this development will not have parking, the entrance is on Holmes Road. This will increase congestion with deliveries and taxi drop off for guests, which may well coincide with school drop off and pick up times given the nature of hotel check in and check out times. Or deliveries will happen at night disturbing neighbours.

The street is already narrow at this point, made even more narrow by parked up delivery bikes opposite McDonalds.

The plans for the 'hotel' make it sound more like a short-term hostel run with minimal staff or facilities. The fear for neighbours is that this is what it will become, adding to the disruption residents of the area already experiences from the Stay Club at the other end of the street.

Has any kind of feasibility study has been done on how likely it is that visitors would want to stay above McDonalds on a busy high street given other options available?

It seems like this might be the start of 'planning creep' on this location.

Kind regards

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