

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am the owner of flat A, 63 Jamestown Road, and I am writing with regard to the application for change of commercial use of 57A & 57B Jamestown Road.

There has rarely been any problem from 57a and 57b in the 25 years that I have lived at this address. My concern is that a change of use may bring with it unacceptable disturbance to all residents on the southern side of Jamestown Road, and indeed to those properties that look on to the 57a and 57b from Gloucester Crescent as well.

With respect to Jamestown Road, this is particularly the case because the rear walls of 57a and 57b abut with the gardens of the entire terrace along Jamestown Road, forming the boundaries of the rear gardens of the properties.

There is a real and genuine concern about invasion of privacy, especially if windows are introduced into this wall in any development. Also, pollution from lights left on late at night or all night, when most residents have their bedrooms at the back of the terrace, is an important consideration.

The effect on residents' parking in Jamestown Road, already overburdened due to the limited time restriction, ought also to be considered.

The chief concern however is that a change of use may bring increased noise disturbance. If the 'leisure' element of the change of use includes the introduction of a gym for example, it should be remembered that gyms often rely on loud, pumping music as a stimulus or background noise, which invariable pours out into the environment. And the negative effect of late-night music on this concentrated residential area is self-evident.

There should either be restrictions in place to ensure that no activity is allowed that produces loud music or other noise disturbance, or that stringent conditions are attached to any permission requiring effective sound insulation in any proposed conversion of the building.

Yours sincerely,

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