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re:planning application re- community centre in shops next to the dentist.

Firstly, under the terms of the TMC's Management Agreement, the TMC should have been involved and consulted from day one of this application even being mooted. In stead, they have been ignored. The TMC's Management Agreement with the Council carries the force of law.

With regards to impact upon the environment of the residents of Crowndale Court, I will relate the problems we experienced some years ago when the shops in question served as the local Parking Attendants' offices.

Apart from regular heated arguments on the driveway outside caused by irate drivers accosting attendants, we also had to tolerate our lawn being literally taken over by the attendants who, during their lunch breaks would sprawl out in the sun down there, often bare-chested, causing offence and denying the lawn's use to residents, and in the end, they were taking folding tables down there and taking their meals out there, to the accompaniment of loud, raucous and highly intrusive conversation, thus shattering the peace of Crowndale's otherwise quiet and tranquil rear courtyard.

After a considerable time spent trying to get something done about this they were finally told to cease using the lawn as its use was not provided for in their lease.

This relates to the present application as follows:

We could well have to suffer our quiet peaceful lawn and rear courtyard being taken over again by users of the community centre in a similar manner and our peace once more shattered – and particularly if the centre were to hold celebrations of any kind down there, which, these days, would inevitably take place to the accompaniment of atrociously loud popular music. In these circumstances, there could also certainly be rowdy behaviour, bad language etc. at the front and rear of the shops, and even, considering the 'Worst Case Scenario,' bad language and possibly fights.

In addition to this, the estate already has a thriving Community Hall and a very well-attended Moslem Community Centre which also serves as a

mosque, so with this new community centre we would definitely be suffering from a 'Community Centre Overload.'

Add to this, the new leisure centre about to open at 5 Pancras Square, and you can see that the area is already very adequately served indeed with various kinds of community facilities, and this new community centre would definitely be a facility too far.

And with regard to the residents' consultation, we have received no information whatsoever as to who will be running this new centre, who its clients will be, whether it would be granted a license for the consumption or sale of alcohol, what facilities will be provided and nothing at all on its possible detrimental effects on the peace and tranquillity of our environment.

In other words, the present residents' survey expects us to vote blind with no real information whatsoever.

Either this idea for yet another community centre should be dropped completely or the present residents' consultation be dropped until all residents can make a fully informed choice after being provided with clear and complete information as to what the centre's likely impact might be upon our environment.

Good luck!

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