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Dear Ms Chana

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I write as a resident of 8 Tower Court.

We are all broadly in favour of the principle of the application before us, we however do have concerns over the impact the proposals will have on our residential amenity and the effect it will have on Tower Court, which is a private and historic throughway with only pedestrian access.

As you are aware there is presently only a single gated access into the rear of 22 Tower Street from Tower Court. This application proposes a new access into the Courtyard opposite 8 Tower Court, and the positioning of a bin store adjacent to the sub-station and in direct proximity to the residential properties on Tower Court. The presence of an additional access will introduce the prospect of anti-social activities being encouraged down Tower Court and potential future public access into the rear courtyard. The positioning of the gate will require the taking of those bins to Tower Street via Tower Court on collection days. An activity that will be both intrusive and disturbing on what appears will be a frequent basis given the commercial use of the property and therefore presents a significant impact on our residential amenity.

This seems to be an aspect of the proposals that could be changed to avoid the impacts it presents. Our view from assessing the plans is that the location of the bin store can sensibly be altered. We believe that the more logical and sensible location for the bin store is adjacent to the disabled parking bay on Tower Street in lieu of the bike store. This would allow more reasonable and less disturbing collections of the bins to be arranged without impact on the residents of Tower Court.

Should further bin storage be necessary over and above what can be provided directly on Tower Street then a position making use of the existing gate onto Tower Court that encourages collection from Earlham Street would seem to be logical solution, especially given that 2 Tower Court, which is the subject of a separate application, and which itself in its new use, if permitted, will require refuse collection, an activity which already takes place more frequently at that end of Tower Court given the uses and occupiers there, particularly Fielding Court.

At the very least can we please request the imposition of a condition into the decision notice should the application be permitted that requires the details of refuse collection to be agreed in writing with the Council in order to ensure it is prepared with mind to the amenity of the residents, that the bin store is itself roofed to prevent the release of odours and a condition imposed preventing the storage of bins outside of the designated bin store.

Should the change from bike store to bin store on Tower Street mean that the applicant needs to find a new site for the 9 lost bike places, then the 6 bike store in the rear courtyard could be enlarged, with access taken from the existing gate access therefore meaning the additional gated access would not be required.

We hope that these comments are both constructive and useful in assisting you to improve this application

## With Regards