



Ltd (Planning Portal Reference: PP-09856015)

Dear Ms Henry

We have tried multiple times to register our objection to this planning application regarding Howitt Close but your website appears not to be working properly and repeatedly gives error messages, both the normal and Beta versions, hence emailing you directly.

We are the leaseholders of 32 Howitt Close, owning it since 2009.

We wish to object to the proposed development by the freeholder, namely the addition of seven new flats forming an additional story on top of our existing building. My objections are as follows:

1. This is meant to be a conservation area. How can we possibly be "conserving" the authenticity of the area if we allow existing buildings such as Howitt Close to have additional stories added to them at will? I note the pre-application advice given by Planning Officers to adopt a mansard roof for the building, but this is NOT how the original building was envisaged. It was designed to be a certain height and to have a flat roof and its architectural integrity is not being conserved in this proposed project.
2. Parking, already very challenging in the area, can only get worse with the addition of seven flats totalling 14 additional bedrooms. No allowance is made for additional parking in the proposal and this alone should ensure its rejection by the Council.
3. At least 7, more likely 14 or more, people living within the footprint of the existing building, adding density and a further burden on the existing waste and rubbish systems which are not being upgraded to meet these additional burdens.
4. These additional people will add noise and general disturbance. Howitt Close already has 32 occupied flats and is a very busy building. The addition of a further seven dwellings will undoubtedly strain the building's ability to cope.

In summary, we object to the proposal and would be grateful if you can ensure our objections are registered formally in your considerations, given the web channels to lodge such objections are currently not working.

We would appreciate your acknowledgement of receipt.

Kind regards,
Greig & Jill McCallum