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Dear Rebecca

Re: **Building Conversion to 14 Penn Road, Stevenage**

I am writing with great concern to the conversion to 14 Penn Road, Stevenage. I am very fretful that the conversion will cause a lot of distraught to myself and other residents in Penn Road/Fox Road.

We are a family orientated community and myself and my neighbours heavily agree that 14 Penn Road would benefit having **one** large family keeping this a quiet and peaceful community to live in.

As you are aware we are all currently in lockdown and we are only able to leave our homes for grocery shopping and daily exercise, in a result of this we would be suffer from the daily noise of the planned building works whether this would we be internal or external and would also cause great unease to our neighbourhood overall.

The fact of having two separate families overlooking our gardens is not acceptable as privacy is a big issue for myself and for the residents/community of Penn Road.

My son is Autistic and struggles severely with loud noises on a daily basis and any work carried out on the house would cause my son great distress which I am very anxious about.

I have already had to deal with previous building works to 14 Penn Road and throughout that ordeal I had to try and calm my son down which was quiet upsetting for me, the thought of this happening again terrifies me also puts a strain on our family life.


Please find below my points of concerns:

- **Privacy:** Many of us that live in this area know each other and we respect one and another's privacy, by changing 14 Penn Road into 2 separate properties this would be an invasion towards us as a community.
- **Parking:** Parking in Penn Road/Fox Road has always been an issue for all of us, we have always struggled with parking as other commuters decide to park their cars on our roads and walk into town using this as free parking, changing this will cause even more disruption to the street and would cause more congestion to the area. **(I believe this has been rejected after reading the refusal of planning permission to the parking/cycle pathways) please could you confirm this in correct?**

- **Construction:** In the past I have had to deal with a lot of building noise over the years from 14 Penn Road (conservatory, double story extension, some being over a period of a few years apart, causing a great deal of internal works making occurring noises daily and distress to my family. As you can appreciate in this pandemic we cannot escape this noise as we have been instructed to stay at home and safe lives, this will severely affect my son's mental health and being a mum I am so afraid this will only make my son's condition even more troubled.
- **Recycling:** Changing 14 Penn Road into two separate properties this will result in adding additional recycling and refuse bins to the street (2 black bins, 2 brown bins, 4x cardboard and plastic bins) this will cause major concern for many residents as it is a known factor to attract vermin when refuse is left out.
- I used to live in a block of flats and I moved to this lovely house in Penn Road, now to have the same again is just so upsetting and concerning, the fact that our privacy is going to be invaded twice disheartens me, my family and my neighbours. The idea of my bedroom being next door to a living room, vice versa including my downstairs. I may even end up with a kitchen next door to my bedroom causing a lot of noise and will probably cause smells to occur on my upholsterers within my home. I personally find this unfair and very inconsiderate. I may also end up with a bathroom connecting onto my existing walls, which will incur to cause damp mould and mildew which this has been a significant problem in the past with 14 Penn Road, due to negligent of their house being empty for so long that the owners never looked or cared for the guttering which was unmanaged.
- Our street already has many two bedrooms properties inside blocks of flats and we certainly do not want another, especially living right next door to me. Many new flats have already been and still being built in Stevenage including Bedwell area, including the Vista Tower which recently has been converted which already overlooks most of our gardens and properties, adding to this will would not be right and makes me very anxious.
- **Natural Light:** By placing a fence and splitting 14 Penn Road garden means my natural light to my garden is going to be affected, also adding a security light means our gardens are going to be lit up all hours which will be a problem. A security light already exists in their garden which has caused me and my neighbours trouble already as the property has been empty for so long, we have been trying to contact the owners but without any success to get the lights lowered.

I cannot tell you how much distress this will bring to our community

I would appreciate it if you could kindly take all my points and other residents points into consideration when making this decision and I would appreciate if you could keep me informed of the decisions you arrive to.



I look forward to hearing your comments.

Yours faithfully

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