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Submission: Objection

Comments: I write to express my strong objection to the conversion of the student halls in Spring Gardens for use as asylum seeker accommodation.

Whilst the idea to provide such accommodation is laudable, the needs of the local community would be better served by use of this property to provide affordable housing and permanent homes for low income families, not just for local people but for anyone, wherever they may be from.

Provision of social housing would offer a sustainable use for the building rather than being utilised in a transient and short term way to provide temporary accommodation for asylum seekers.

As part of the consideration of the application to change the use of these premises, the Authority should fully consider the impact on the neighbourhood. In considering this I ask that you take account of my concern that the transient nature of this type of accommodation could result in increased anti-social behaviour and disturbance to the local neighbourhood and local businesses. This being an area of the town that is already disproportionately impacted by these issues.

The use of the building as social housing would help support local businesses in the town centre by providing the opportunity for improvements to the local area through the stability that would come from permanent homes for people to live, work and spend in this part of the town.

Simon Lowe

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