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Submission: Objection

Comments: As residents of Cresswell Avenue we would like to raise our concerns regarding the proposed development, mainly on the grounds of the increased number of vehicles this will bring to the area and the lack of parking to be provided.

Having read through the transport statement I would point out that the comment made concerning parking on Cresswell Avenue is totally incorrect. Cresswell Avenue is a private, single track road, just the width of a car with the only parking available being for residents and the access not being the easiest. People attending the Adult Education Centre have NEVER parked here.

The plans state provision of 29 parking spaces which seems to be very inadequate for a 52 bedroom development. At a minimum you would expect to be at least two cars per apartment, plus occasional visitors. Where are the extra vehicles supposed to park? The assumption that they will find on street parking or park further afield is not realistic.

Spring Bank is already heavily congested with parking at a premium and a nightmare to negotiate by car. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident happens given the speed people drive across the road and the poor visibility for people exiting from Cresswell Street and Cresswell Avenue. Cresswell Street is also not an option for additional parking as any vehicles parked on the bottom part of the road effectively reduce the width to single track making it difficult to get in/out of the road. Parking further up would obstruct access for residents.

Whilst the Adult Education Centre did generate extra traffic and parking problems it was not 24/7 which this development will be. It has also not been taken into account the extra traffic already generated by the Arts Centre both during the day and evening and Primary School mornings and afternoon. When there are functions on at the Art Centre we find that people leave their cars wherever they feel fit causing problems for local residents. This has been taken up with the Arts Centre with no satisfactory outcome. The same is also the case at school pick up and drop off, although the school do try to monitor this.

Perhaps a further study of the parking situation needs to be undertaken before anything further is committed to.

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