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To: The Planning Officer
From: Martin & Louise Hannah, 2, Nimrod Drive Hatfield AL10 9LS, Tel: [REDACTED]

We write in response to a notice of a Planning Application Ref S6/2013/583/FP we have seen on a lamppost outside No. 1 Cunningham Avenue applying for multiple occupancy of the house. We wish to lodge objections to this application for the following reasons:

- a) The houses in our vicinity were sold by the developer, Bovis, for single occupancy and this was written in the deeds. We (and most of our neighbours) purchased on this basis believing that the area would be a residential area for families. But there already seems to be a high level of multiple occupancy, although we have never before seen any notice of an application for this for any of the house, and the area seems unable to cope with this density of population.
- b) We have an opportunity, because an application has been made and a notice published, the first we have seen in over nine years of residency, to object to multiple occupancy that has led to problems. There are, clearly, a large number of houses already under multiple occupation, whether officially approved or not, and any expansion can only increase the problems that are already apparent.
- c) Multiple occupancy, in increasing the number of people living in the area, has led to a problem of litter. Some residents simply tip litter and rubbish from their cars onto the street. Any request to them to remove such litter results in abuse from the litter bug.
- d) Multiple occupancy has increased the amount of household waste in the area and residents in properties under multiple occupation seem to be lax about managing this effectively. There are regular cases of the contents of overfilled bins overflowing on the street that is then not cleared for long periods. There are also problems of overfilled bins and bins where waste has not been correctly sorted and are not then collected by the waste disposal contractor that are then attacked by foxes and infested by rats and then strewn around in windy weather to the points where the Environmental Health Dept. have had to intervene more than once. The problem continues and any increase in the level of the population from increased multiple occupancy will only make the problem worse.
- e) Multiple occupancy has increase the level of car parking in the area to the point that access is sometimes impeded to the point where emergency vehicle would be unable to gain access in case of need and where pavements are blocked by parked cars, dangerous in an area where there are both young children and elderly residents. Again, any increase in population resulting from increased multiple occupancy are likely to make this problem worse.
- f) There are have been many instances of rowdiness by residents from houses in multiple occupation. This as take the form of loud noise and shouting late at night, invasion of gardens and, sometime violence requiring the intervention of the police. Further increases in population from increased multiple occupancy are likely to increase such episodes.

The above are our objections. It is noticeable that these problems reduce and disappear during university vacation times although not all of the houses under multiple occupancy are occupied by students. We hope you will consider the above when judging the subject application.

Yours Sincerely,

Louise & Martin Hannah