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OBJECTION

Dear Colin Haigh and Mrs J Pagdin

I live in Selwyn crescent Hatfield and my garden backs onto the comet hotel.

I have been in residence for 25 years and in that time the comet has extended the car park moving closer to my boundary.

They have now started a car wash which is a 7am-7pm seven days a week business which is in the same car park and is as close to my boundary as possible. This is a pleasant wooded area used for local wedding photos where wild life used to thrive.

Now they want permission to build major extensions to the hotel in which they will house 360 bed student accommodation they are trying to say they will only house mature students.

They say their students will not own cars and will not be allowed to park in the Comet.

Over the last 25 years Hatfield has had a major shift in pro university accommodation and the problems that have been experienced. Family homes have been sold to private landlords and students have moved into houses where 2-4 people previously lived now there are as many as 8-10, of course these students are transient and will only stay in Hatfield for 1-3 years they have no pride in the area. They over fill there bins leaving trash all over the place they park there cars in any free space leaving little or no parking for Hatfield residents.

The older residents of Hatfield are selling up and moving away so more students are moving in.

Selwyn crescent has seen new yellow lines since the new university, which was needed because students do look for free parking. Now when family visit they cannot come by car because there is no where to park. The parking restriction that are in place only cover term times and cars are able to park after 4 pm until 9 am the next morning, of cause there will be students, their families and friends from this major project parking between these hours and students also can park from Friday after 4 pm until Monday morning 9 am.

This area is known as one of the nicest parts of Hatfield and one of the only parts that are largely free of transient students.

The proposed glass buildings

There is no president in the Ellenbrook area. But there is on the previously disused Airfield on the other side of St Albans road west.

Granting a major development to a long establish residential area would be out of keeping in a major way.

Glass and mirrors

The planning consultants have tried to suggest that the glass and mirrors they will use on these major buildings and will enhance the look of the listed building and that by looking at the new buildings the original listed Comet hotel can be seen.

This just beggars belief.

This is my objection

Yours sincerely

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