

Statement from Sharon Bedford, resident at 32 Bryanston Road.

I would like to make a short statement highlighting a couple of points that need true consideration. Southampton Council Health and Wellbeing strategy ambition is to significantly improve health and wellbeing outcomes of its residents. If this building goes ahead, it will significantly affect the quality of lives of the residents immediately upon approval. We do not want to suffer the impact of the works or the result of the works. We are happy here in our cul-de-sac. It is quiet and peaceful, and we enjoy the birds and the wildlife. We moved here 24 years ago because it was a no-through road and we have Peartree Common, now a Local Nature Reserve, right behind us. This application has caused our hearts to drop. It will change our lives and not for the better. Some of us work from home and the noise and inconvenience created by building works and then the resulting extra houses in the area will severely affect concentration and our work life balance. Please can the council bear our well-being in mind and consider the application on this basis?

Also – climate change. The area is now a flood risk. We have seen torrents of water run down the hill to the cul-de-sac looking like a raging river. Garages at the bottom have been getting flooded. Rainfall has significantly increased over the last year. Climate change is set to bring us warmer wetter weather. How will building on the land adjacent to us help this situation? Is this really an ideal piece of land to build on?

Lastly – the road is already needing repair. Bryanston Road is quite a steep hill – try cycling up or down! I am worried how heavy vehicles necessary to complete the works are going to affect the road surface and vibration leading to subsidence for the houses all along the hill.

Please consider these points when making your decision, thank you.