

Appendix 2: Objection correspondence from the Director of Admiralty House Resident's Association

Sent: 07 September 2012 10:36

To: Traffic Orders Legal

Subject: OBJECTION TO PLATFORM ROAD ALTERATIONS.

Sir/Madam,

Please accept this email as a formal objection to the works on platform road and the project entitled, 'Platform for Prosperity'

I am a director of the Admiralty House residents association and speak not only for myself but on behalf of the 18 residential flats at Admiralty House on platform road, Southampton. Below are our reasons for why we as a group object to these alterations:

1. We were originally sold the concept that the platform for prosperity or PFP project would be to assist traffic flow in and around this area of Southampton. This is a lie as no traffic data has been compiled or circulated to date. only recently have traffic measuring systems been introduced to platform road and the surrounding areas. i have kept a video diary of the existing traffic flow on platform road and it appears fine. Traffic will only get worse when ABP bring in more cruise ships. ie this is aiming to solve a problem that ABP are creating.
2. Economic growth. this will be for ABP and nobody else. in fact this scheme will affect the private landlords of admiralty house and have a negative affect on their business, as the parking we have will be taken away from us. There will also be a negative effect on the property values at admiralty house. ABP have been consulted with a view to appeasing the residents at admiralty house. they have bitterly refused to work with us and are determined to make our lives a living hell with a ransom strip and strict terms on conditions in the land they are donating to the council that prevent us using our 18 space car park next to our building.
3. Environment. this is currently a conservation area that contains a beautiful memorial gardens and tree lined park. (Vokes memorial gardens) this scheme will destroy the memorial gardens which is used for peaceful contemplation and destroy/displace established trees in the area. There is also a colony of bats that live in and around admiralty house that will be effected. The new PFP plan will also bring additional noise, light and pollution to this area. no documentation findings or results of how bad this will be have been presented to the residents of admiralty house.
4. Heritage. admiralty house is a building of national significance with a prestigious grade II listed status. it has direct Titanic links and is on the cities Titanic tour guide for visitors to the city. this PFP plan will encroach the building. both we the residents and English Heritage oppose these plans, as it will destroy the beauty and prestige of this building by having a 6 lane motorway style road outside it.
5. Consultation. the councils consultation was a joke the process was biased and transparent to benefit one company ABP. who happen to be the biggest private contributor to the scheme. local residents were mislead with a non scaled map and unrepresentative visualisations for the area. there was no documentation or findings from any traffic noise air/light pollution as they have not been carried out. the percentage figures for approval that followed were false. there was no reference to the localism act or any proof this scheme would help traffic flow. This is a scheme with the sole purpose of helping ABP grow its business. it will have a huge negative effect on the local residents.

In short we do not want this scheme to go ahead. we do not approve of this scheme. our lives and businesses will be affected.

I would like to be contacted back with confirmation of this email.

Director