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Submission: Objection

Comments: I fully understand the need for more social housing. However, I am very sceptical that this development, if built, will materially affect the provision of increased social housing. It is a huge and massively damaging proposal for the sake of - at most - two or three more units of social housing (plainly, like the Town Hall development, most units will simply be for standard sale). It feels like the Council is ticking a box that they're doing something (surely not related to upcoming elections??) - rather than addressing the real question of whether this is the right thing to do.

I am a local resident so of course issues of light/upheaval affect me, severely compromising light to my property, and overlooking it. But I would rather address the question from a less personal perspective:-

- the loss of the green space, on a congested road, is catastrophic,. Yes, there are local amenities such as Priory Park and the cricket pitches which partly ameliorate the position but they are some distance away from Park Road. When the Council ran its disastrous pedestrian pilot scheme 24 months or so closing Middle Lane, air pollution on Park Road was almost visible, given the increased traffic pushed on to the street. Even without that, air pollution is constant. This is literally the only green space the entire length of the road. Why on earth would you jeopardise that, particularly given the Council's supposed green credentials?;

- My understanding is that the Council hadn't initially considered this land even worthy of consideration for development - the initial scheme focussed solely on a development on Barrington Road. That shows how ridiculous the idea now is. Spend some time on Park Road. It is busy. It is really, really busy. Try it at rush hour in particular. There are no alternatives to using it. Now think about Park Road with 24 months of construction traffic on it (and nowhere to put the traffic - there is no alternative to blocking/closing the road). Then think again about your planning application. It is beyond ludicrous;

- Add to that the irony that you have a health centre opposite. The optics would be hilarious if they weren't so serious.

I strongly, strongly object to this planning application. It is ill conceived and ill judged. It has also been ill effected, given the seemingly deliberate and ongoing efforts to keep local residents in the dark/underplay the level of opposition. I would urge you to reconsider any plans to develop this land, which have a disastrous environmental footprint and a significant risk of reputational damage to the Council in that respect.