

Appendix 1

A summary of the comments received from neighbours and the general public in objection to the proposed development.

- The proposed development would result in overlooking of Archers Court
- Loss of daylight and sunlit to residential units at Archers Court and to indoor and outdoor communal areas
- Noise and disturbance from the proposed auditorium, particularly late on Saturdays
- Noise disturbance during the construction process
- Due to the size proximity the building would be overbearing to residents of Archers Court
- Insufficient information on the application with regard to lack of sustainability statements, daylight & sunlight report, access/travel plan and fire strategy
- View from Archers Court would be obscured, as residents enjoy the view of the playing field and watching the boys play their sports and the view is important to elderly residents who are restricted most of the time to their flats
- Devalue properties at Archers Court
- Archers Court is home to elderly residents who require peace and quiet, which would be lost
- A smaller series of buildings would have less impact on adjoining neighbours
- There is plenty of space elsewhere in the large school site where it would not impact on neighbours.
- The proposal would destroy so many vulnerable residents quality of life
- The pleasant communal lounge at Archers Court would lose its view and would become 'closed-in'
- Archers Court is an 'assisted living'/ living with care' establishment whereby it is important that the living conditions are both peaceful and tranquil – the proposal would significantly reduce these requirements.
- The proposal and the method in which this proposal has been progressed shows Hitchin Boys' School to be a poor neighbour with little or no regard for elderly and vulnerable adults who should be shown respect by everyone in the local community.
- The consultation period of three weeks is insufficient time to allow residents to form their objections and is grossly unfair and has caused much stress, anxiety and upset for many vulnerable residents.
- Noise from the music lessons and late night use of the auditorium would cause significant distress to those with dementia
- The proposed building is out of scale with the existing school and would not match the style of other buildings.
- A concern is the wildlife, there are bats that nest in this area and their habitat will also be destroyed.
- Access to the site during construction, along Elmside walk, would cause issues of safety.
- The submitted noise report is not adequate and does not properly address the noise impact on residents of Archers Court and Elmside.
- The loss of the Memorial Cricket Pavilion has been overlooked by the applicant, which was built in the 1960s in honour to the dead of the Second World War.

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