

Dear Emily

Further to our chat on the telephone, I'm e-mailing to confirm my position on application BH2016/02639 (the old YMCA on Marmion Road).

I have chatted with many of my residents about this application and certainly sympathise with concerns that have been raised.

My initial concerns were solely focused on the proposed addition of driveways to the scheme. I haven't spoken to anybody who wasn't worried about this element of the proposal. Driveways would have removed as much parking from the street as they created whilst causing damaging to the street scene, adding danger to a busy pavement near a park, and preventing the creation of some potentially very pleasant green spaces. I'm delighted that this element of the proposal has now gone. It was well worth my time persuading the developer to drop this part of the proposal.

Whilst it is the case that few existing residents will be in favour of the removal of the car-free condition of the scheme, I'd much rather that the parking issue was settled now than see it come back in the future. I don't believe that it was fair to impose car-free in the first place.

The removal of the condition will regularise the situation. These houses obviously need parking.

I should be grateful if you would record my position as now in favour of the scheme.

Thanks

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