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To: [Planning \(SMDC\)](#)
Subject: Late Representation Report for this week's Planning (33 Roche House Cruso Street) Thursday 19th Sep 2pm
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Dear Committee members,

I am sending this as unfortunately I am at work and unable to attend the planned meeting on Thursday 19th September that you had invited me to. Your colleague in Democratic Services over the telephone, kindly suggested I send something in writing that summarises what I would have intended to say had I been able to attend so am including this here.

This note for your consideration below, summarises the objections of a number of residents from the streets surrounding the proposed planning application on Cruso Street.

We object to the planning application for the change of use of 33 Cruso Street from a C3 residential dwelling to a house in multiple occupancy for 7 people. As residents of the streets surrounding the property (Cruso Street, John Street and Victoria Court) we are extremely concerned about the impact this change of use would have on traffic and parking in the area.

The planning application states that there is ample parking in the surrounding area, but we very strongly dispute this.

John Street, Cruso Street and Victoria Court, and the junctions between them, are frequently congested with parked cars. Those of us who do not have our own drives are frequently unable to park and are forced to park on neighbouring Station Street. Those of us who do have our own drives, frequently find them partially or totally blocked by parked vehicles. In addition, vehicles are often parked on the corner of Cruso Street and John Street and the corner of Cruso Street and Victoria Court, both of which are immediately outside number 33. This causes poor visibility for both drivers pulling out of and turning into those streets, and for pedestrians crossing the roads. It is clear to us that there is not 'ample parking in the surrounding area', as claimed in the application.

33 Cruso Street is directly opposite a children's play area and any increase in traffic and the number of parked cars could prove dangerous to children as they enter and leave the play area.

The road outside 33 Cruso Street is the end of a dead-end street, with no access from the top of Cruso Street, John Street or Victoria Court. As such, the road area outside of number 33 has to be used by vehicles to turn around, as the only alternative is to reverse back down Cruso Street. This already dangerous situation would be made more so with the addition of more vehicles.

As well as the play area, St Mary's primary school is at the bottom of the road and as such there are parents and children walking to and from school. The presence of the school causes heavy traffic on weekdays, with cars often blocking the road. The increase in traffic that a multiple occupancy dwelling would inevitably cause would create added danger in this area.

I trust that you will take these points into serious consideration before making your decision on Thursday.

Kind regards

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