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To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: SMD/2026/0283 - Planning Views

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for sending notice of the intended building work next door to build a hair salon in the back garden, application number: SMD/2026/0283. After reviewing the documents and plans online, our entire household has found this news upsetting. We have concerns about this business and building being next door to our home and would like you to consider our views as it has already impacted our wellbeing.

The size and placement of the building is our first concern. The structure is extremely tall and will take light away from our garden as it will be right next to our fence, as well as reducing our views of the surrounding trees from our lounge and kitchen windows. We enjoy our current views from the windows at the back of our property and do not wish to see a building instead. The size of the building also seems extremely large for one hairdresser. We believe there may be more than one hairdresser who may eventually be working there or possibly a beauty therapist.

Next, our privacy will be reduced. As the outside concrete stairs to access their garden and our garden are next to each other, people, who we do not know, will be able to see into our garden and therefore us when we are sitting outside. The noise from the business will greatly impact our enjoyment of our garden, lounge and kitchen. As we are a family, there are a range of ages and it is rare that there is not at least one person at home so someone will always be able to hear the noise. When we moved, we chose here because of the peace and quiet of this residential area. We did not intend to live next door to a business working 53 hours across 6 days a week.

There is not enough parking at the front of the property for this business. Yes, the drive does fit three cars but the owners keep a van on it. This means that cars of clients must park one in front of the other on the drive. We are concerned that instead of doing this, they will park across their drive, our drive or possibly the drives of our other neighbours instead. There are already many cars parking close to the corner of Ashbourne Road leading onto our street and we are concerned it will become even more difficult to enter or exit the street safely if cars park there or across the neighbour's drive. If they park across ours, we will not be able to leave or enter our drive when we wish.

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns. As a family, we have found this news upsetting and are worried about the long term impact on our wellbeing of this building and business.