

35 Park Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Planning reference P 2018 0773

Site address -

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Ref. Appeal against planning permission refusal

Number 33, Park Street is one of the middle houses in a five house Victorian terrace known as Albert Terrace. All the houses have in common, a narrow right of way at the rear of the properties with access gates to each one, leading to back yards. The two end houses have larger yards, the middle three being quite tiny.

Also shared is the sewage pipe which has a history of overloading, and no. 33 shares a water pipe with no. 32 which has priority.

Having not seen the more recent plans, I am not sure whether or not the Purchaser has made the appropriate adaptations to compensate for increased usage.

I live at no. 35, identical to 33, and of the same configuration. Although the ceilings are high in all rooms, in common with many back street terraces, much of the house is rather dark, and I imagine, cutting down the sizes of rooms, could make them oppressive.

Car parking problems are a major issue. At our end of this one way street, the road narrows markedly and cars passing down the street are forced to mount the pavement to avoid parked cars. Refuse lorries, ambulances, fire engines and the like have a hard time and I am not the only resident to have had a gatepost knocked down. Reversing into spaces blocks the entire road.

The Appellant's breakdown of parking spaces is interesting, but I think, not too realistic, and based solely on car ownership. We all have friends and family, many of us have doctors, case workers, social workers and the like, all who visit, so that those of us who do not own cars still need their space.

I see those people willing to live the bed sitter life with shared facilities to fall into groups,

all of whom require a postal address to access local services.

Firstly, immigrants. We have a large number of eastern Europeans in this area. The vast majority work extremely hard and quickly acquire new skills. Obviously, with english being their second language, they like to keep in touch with friends and relatives throughout the country. So, an early purchase for them is a car. This information I have gleaned from a Polish friend who has "been there".

Secondly, the homeless. I venture to suggest that a high proportion of this group have some kind of mental illness or addiction problems. Accommodation for these people is desperately needed in Wrexham, but the kind of accommodation that actually meets their needs. Space, privacy and qualified staff who can help them with their troubles and guide them to rehabilitation. This they deserve.

Thirdly, people needing cheap accommodation following family breakdowns, and young couples making their first home on a short term basis. An average number of car owners in this group I would think.

Diverse groups who may well not merge happily in a small house with no garden space.

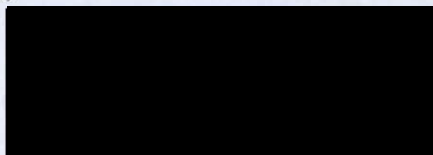
A friend of mine who visits me, from a village some 3 -4 miles away uses the local bus service. Her travelling time is one hour in each direction. Travelling to work or for pleasure is not just a single handy bus ride. People want cars and they feel cheated if parking spaces outside their homes are continually filled by others. "Car Parking Rage" is an increasing phenomena and I don't want it on my street. Nor do I want people moving in to the street to be made to feel unpopular.

I do not, personally, have to park a car in the street, but I speak out of concern for those that do and for people having to live in what I fear will be cramped and claustrophobic conditions.

I am now in my eighties and probably not worldly wise. But it seems to me that financial benefit for one should not outweigh distress for many.

I very much hope that this appeal is rejected.

Yours faithfully,

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M/s V. Reeves