

Deputation Submitted by Ms Buckley

Re: APP/20/00875. Aura House, Bedhampton.

Unfortunately, I am unable to make a spoken deputation at the planning committee but would like to submit the following as a written deputation to the planning committee.

I have served as both a Borough and County Councillor for Bedhampton and know the New Road location for the planning application very well.

My work background has been in housing; I am a Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and spent many years assessing housing need and standards of accommodation.

The planning Officer David Eaves presents a very compelling report to refuse this application and I strongly support his recommendation.

If approved these flats would be substandard housing accommodation not providing good living conditions for those housed there. Aura House is simply too close to railway which will cause noise and vibration and residents would have no access to outside space.

Due to global warming we are experiencing more frequent spells of very hot weather and good ventilation is essential. If approved Aura House would provide six new flats but this conversion of a property that was not designed as residential accommodation would create poor living conditions for those accommodated there.

As councillors I know you work towards providing the best standards for our residents and I am surprised that a ward councillor has brought this application forward.

Please refuse the application for substandard accommodation.