

Claire Booth

From: James Russell
Sent: 18 July 2013 16:57
To: Claire Booth
Subject: Application to vary opening times - Bright Futures, 54, West View, Clitheroe 3/2013/0497

Dear Claire, **Response to consultation Ref: 3/2013/0497**

In response to your consultation regarding the above application, I would make the following comments;

I have considered the application and comments raised by residents and as a such made a site visit on Thursday 18 July and can only concur their concerns.

The above children's nursery is located centrally within a predominantly residential area and occupies an end terrace property.

An internal assessment within the adjoining neighbouring property concurred that significant noise currently is clearly audible within the neighbouring property from the nursery activities. At the time of the visit voices and conversation were clearly audible along the party wall. When singing and noisier activity takes place then lyrics and melody are clearly audible. Thus if hours are extended then this would be considered intrusive.

Neighbours indicated significant noise and disturbance already 5 days per week resulting from the egress of clients/children who mostly arrive in cars and arising from children playing both inside and outside the premises. At the time of the visit, being a warm day, supervisor & children's voices were clearly audible inside the nursery building whose windows were open and in my opinion would be clearly audible within neighbouring properties when their windows are open.

There also appeared to be a real shortage of dedicated car parking available with both sides of the street being heavily parked and the road being a bus route. Residents inform me that parents delivering children often have no choice but to abandon their vehicles where they can, causing both obstruction and noise. Neighbours also suggested that parking is even more limited on Fridays and throughout the weekend when working people are often at home.

Due to the residential location and above circumstances I would recommend and support refusal of any extension of hours and particularly any extension in relation to Saturdays.

(If extension of hours are to be considered then it would be appropriate to consider a modified scheme which includes;

- Significant noise attenuation work measures to the party wall with No 52;
- Potentially raised solid fencing around the site perimeter, and
- Dedicated 'drop off' restricted parking be provided and maintained

Yours James

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