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Dear Maya

I am writing to object to the proposed change of use for 2a Monks Drive.

Changing the use of parking from residential to business parking is not an acceptable solution. This will be converting a private short driveway, intended to be use for residential parking into a staff carpark, which will be used by people employed to work at the house. As this is a "material change of use" in itself, should it not also require planning permission. It alters the character of the land (removes the main garden area for 2a decreasing biodiversity, no drives on this street have 4 cars parked on their driveways), it increases traffic (3 staff changes a day, plus extra weekly visitors to 1 house) therefore increasing noise and intensity of use from a normal residential home.

Any parking spaces utilised in front of the garage door, do not meet the 2.4m x 4.8m size and if used as a parking space they will cause an overhang on to the public footpath (documented in the 1st application which was rejected)

The work shift pattern of 4 cars moving 3 times a day, for 1 house is not normal movement for this residential road, therefore there will be a noticeable increase of traffic. There is hardly any movement on this road at 8am and after 8pm.

The plans do not advise where the new drop kerb is going to be for all the new parking spaces. As you are aware 2A is on the narrow bend on Monks Drive. There is a safety risk to pedestrians and road users, there will be restricted view on exiting the propose parking bays, especially if the staff reverse out of the carpark on to the road due to the vets customers parking on the footpath/road during the day, in the evening there is also 1 to 2 transit vans that park at the top of monks drive/footpath every night.

New photos provided of parking in this section of Monks Drive

Addressing some of the quotes in the Design & Access Statement & Supporting/Management submitted by Hopscotch Care Ltd, January 2026

1. Changeover of staff time varies, at the start of the document it states 8am, 2pm and 10pm by page 8, the staff changes are 8am, 4pm and 10pm. Which is conflicting data.

2. "A changeover at 8am, potentially involving only 2 cars would be easily absorbed within the general increase of noise and activity that occurs at this time"

I am questioning the movement of 2 cars? There is a very real possibility of 4+ cars moving at 8am (min of 2 staff per shift, for a shift change over = 4 people, 4 cars, plus extra cars when visits are taking place)

In the Number of Staff section it states

"It is expected staffing will be provided at a level of between 2 and 4 staff members on site per shift"

Does this mean there is a risk of 8 cars changing over?

This reads as: 2 children with 2 carers each = 4 staff per shift, which would mean a changeover of 8 people. 4 people arriving and 4 people leaving, 3 times a day?

Plus the 'expected maximum' 1 visitor, per week, per child, this suggests it is 'not limited' to so could be more than 1 visitor per child, per week.

Majority of residents on this road are retired, therefore there isn't a lot of car movement at 8am so isn't considered normal, 4 cars moving at 2a would be very noticeable at this time in the morning, you wouldn't have to be watching the house as suggested in the application.

The Vets employees/owners park in their carpark behind the vets, this entrance is on Preston Road not Monks Drive, so we are not impacted by early movements at Longridge Vet at all.

3. "At 2pm, the vets is still operational, there is general comings and goings from the houses. Two cars arriving and departing would not create unacceptable levels of noise and disturbance given general levels of activity and noise at this time"

Why is there only mention of 2 cars, realistically there could be 4-5 cars moving in and out of this very small area

4. The following quote regarding the 10pm shift change:

"They may be aware of movement/noise, but as it is a regular time, it becomes less noticeable as opposed to random cars/voices at unexpected times"

This is basically saying, "yes the home owners on the road will hear noise late at night but they will get used to it because it will always be at the same time"

For me this isn't acceptable, why should we have to get used to disturbance at 10pm every single night of the year, forever.

It is the odd car movement or the infrequent voices late at night that is acceptable, it is not acceptable for this noise to become "the norm" on a quiet road.

5. "A staff change over at 10pm can also help reduce anti-social behaviour in the area, as it provides a layer of visibility over the street when it may otherwise be relatively quiet."

There is currently no anti-social behaviour reported on this quiet street, it is not somewhere criminals, young people or drunk people hang out causing trouble, so there is no requirement for regular movement of 4 cars at 10pm every evening to prevent anti-social behaviour.

You only have to go on to Hopscotch Care Ltd website to see they "look after boys and girls with a variety of social, emotional and behavioural problems at all of their homes" none of these homes are in the Preston area, so again questioning the demand for this type house on this small road, this business is not local to Longridge.

6. "Many modern cars are electric so no engine noise, and car doors can be closed quietly"

Can you guarantee your staff will have electric cars?

There are not many electric cars on this whole estate so I don't think that is a considering factor.

Car doors can always be heard when being open and closed, 4+ car doors within a short time frame, 3 times a day will cause noise. I don't see how you can control how softly your employees will close

their car doors every day, every shift change, with the added possibility of having a stressful day at work.

7. "The bus services, with a stop very close to the top of Monks Drive (Longridge, opp Post Office), stop every 30minutes even past 10pm"

Monks Drive is nowhere near the Post Office, has the person who wrote this application ever visited Longridge or Monks Drive to assess the true impact this extra business would have on the small road. In the Property section it states Preston Road is "served by at least 3 bus routes" there is only bus routes 1 and 1c (which goes via Preston college) I suspect they have been looking at the many bus routes that arrive and depart at the Post Office in the centre of Longridge, these buses do not all come along Preston Road.

There is no noise from buses, in fact the Southern Close bus stop situated nearby, only runs a bus route to and from Preston and is a fairly low demand bus stop throughout day and evening compared to more popular stops on Berry Lane, more often the bus will drive past here without having to make a stop at all.

Buses also have automatic doors that do not cause any 'bangs' unlike the 4+ car doors would do on a quiet evening at 10pm opening and shutting.

Longridge Vets is a highly valued business and service in Longridge; it is the only vets in the area. The customers' parked cars are already a hazard to this road and we just pray it's not us, our children or other homeowners on the road that end up in an accident; as we navigate around the parked cars with very restricted view.

Is there an actual demand for a children's home on this narrow, quiet road which will increase traffic and noise throughout the day, every day of the year?

There have been 2 other larger more suitable private plots for children's homes approved in Longridge, I really don't see the need for all these smaller houses on quiet streets also to be converted in to children's homes, with all the new housing estates being built it would seem there is a bigger demand for family homes, not for current houses to be converted in to businesses.

I have been looking at all the objections to a similar request on Redwood Drive and although it has not reached its closing date, I'm sure it will be rejected due to the volume of rejection letters and they are also going to their local MP.

There is also a location that has been rejected twice (Caton Close, Longridge) due to increase traffic, Caton Close doesn't have an already busy business on the same road, therefore making Monks Drive an even less suitable location.

One very busy business is enough for this quiet, narrow road, approving a second business across the road, where there are already accidents due to existing on-street/footpath parking, bring another business to this road and increase the traffic is a massive safety concern.

Kind Regards

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Planning Application 3/2026/0013

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly oppose this application.

2A Monks Drive is located on a bend very close to the main road & opposite the vets.

Due to the vets being a thriving business cars and vans park on both sides of the road, mounting the pavements and staff/customer vehicles overspilling and parking in Eskdale Road.

This creates

- a) narrowing of Monks Drive for as a throughfare
- b) creating a blind bend for drivers
- c) great difficulty for disabled persons on scooters
- d) additional vans parking while meals & domestic household purchases are discharged to 2A.
- e) additional vehicles parking for business visits to 2A.

Yours faithfully

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