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I live on Empress Road with my family.

I object to the above applications for the following reasons:

The parking in Empress Road is extremely difficult at the best of times. Emergency Service Vehicles would not be able to access the road when they arrived, if the construction vehicles were present. There would not be any space for an extra 15 cars associated with the proposed flats on the road.

When I call for an ambulance, I need them - as do other residents - to have full access to Empress Road immediately, and not after waiting for construction vehicles to be moved. My daughter is disabled and has a Blue Badge, and has been admitted to hospital on many occasions.

The vehicles belonging to the residents would be at great risk of being damaged by the construction vehicles. The construction vehicles would also obstruct and block the road, which always has parked vehicles on both sides.

The construction vehicles would also leave a lot of mess and chaos for residents.

Pedestrians from lower streets on the estate also use the road to access the shops, bus stop and school at the main road. Parents who don't live nearby drive up and park in Empress Road to drop off or collect their children from St John's School on Rochester Road.

There is also the extra dangers associated with the school runs, twice a day only adds to the heightened risk of an accident waiting to happen. There is also the risk of children or adults getting hold of related debris and throwing said items on to residents cars or home windows.

Pedestrian safety would also be compromised by the vehicles and works for the above as many residents of the estate push their young children in buggies up and down Empress Road.

There is already an amount of antisocial behaviour in this area. This would be worsened by any traffic related to the application, with mess and metals likely to be used for the antisocial behaviours by the local criminals.

The daily noise, dust, pollution and heavy machinery would also disrupt daily life for residents for a long time.

The above application would NOT benefit anyone in Empress Road area or surrounding roads.

Please reject the above application.

