

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

30 NOVEMBER 2023

AMENDMENT SHEET

The Chairperson accepts the amendment sheet in order to allow for Committee to consider necessary modifications to the Committee report to be made so as

to take account of late representations and corrections and for any necessary revisions to be accommodated.

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Since the compilation and circulation of the agenda, three neighbours have submitted further comments on the application.

The occupier of 59 Walters Road:

“I emailed back a few months ago when the planning for 57 Walters Road was first put in and we were aware. Since the property has been used for the proposed purpose before planning was approved, we have had a number of issues. 1: being they only required 1 parking space, yet there are a minimum of 3 cars here at one time, some times being 5-6 cars! 2: police being called to the property Monday 13th November. Not a very good look for the street and a disturbance to us the adjoining property. 3: its started setting our dog off barking, with the constant slamming of doors, loud banging and drilling late evening/night. We have logged 2 calls about the noise, reference 1069897. Since then there have been a number of disturbances late evening: *Tuesday 7th November: drilling, loud banging, doors slamming past 8pm in the evening *Friday 10th November: drilling, loud banging, doors slamming past 8pm in the evening *Tuesday 21st November: Loud music at 10.30pm. Had to bang the wall to tell them to stop. We are up at 6am in the morning as we both WORK! *Thursday 23rd November: banging, doors slamming 9pm in the evening. *Friday 24th November: banging, drilling, doors slamming late evening, setting our dog off barking. *Tuesday 28th November: banging, drilling, shouting. Considering we pay our council tax on time every month, if this property continues disturbances I will be seeking advice on whether I will be paying at all. We feel extremely let down that this has been allowed and we are the ones being impacted. This is having an impact on our dog, causing him stress. It is also having a detrimental impact on myself, I work from home as a project manager for the NHS. The disturbances are affecting my mental health and my work. If this does continue I will have to seek medical help for medication and have to serious think about my job.”

The occupier of 60 Walters Road:

“I understand that they have applied for change of use to the property but this has not been granted to this date. For many previous weeks there has been workers and a young person living at the above property. Whilst majority of the building work was being carried out myself and many neighbours complained about the noise level and the numerous late hours and early hours of work that was carried work (before 7:00am and after 6:30pm) and nothing was done about this. I am currently on a night shift pattern and this has affected my sleep routine. It seems that the council are turning a blind eye to what is going on at this property. We have elderly people and families with small children who live in the street and we can no longer park within the street due to 4 and 6 cars parked at the property. On many daily occasions there is also a

workman's van parked outside the property. We were told that there would only be 1 car parked at all times. Also the police have been called to the property numerous times and loud music is being played until the early hours. I can hear the music when I arrive home from my nightshift at 3:30am most mornings. The staff who work at the property who are smokers so they use the corner of number 59 Walters Road, where they are littering the road with their cigarettes. As a business they have commercial waste from the property but are using the roadside residential recycling. If planning is not yet approved how are they able to place Looked After Children within the property. It will be interesting to see if the council are interested in giving money to the owner of the property who does not live at the property or supporting the locals where this has caused distressed for my family and many others who pay our council tax each month.”

The occupier of 66 Walters Road:

“I writing to you today to complain about what's been going on at 57 Walters road Ogmore Vale they applied planning for change of use of the property which has not been pasted but the property has up and running as a business for about six weeks there are clients living there and staff living there to how the council turn a blind eye to this when all the residents have complained to uours selves.the police have been called to the property all ready 6 am in the morning the client is a boy who has 4 staff watching him yet he is the park with youngsters which is not right. The property application is for one to park outside there are six on times which the elderly people live walk up the street because they can't get their cars. I myself have in touch with ITV News reporter who awaiting the out come of this planning application as the old lady that rented this house was evicted so they can turn it in a commercial property which is happening everywhere. The work on the property has been completed now that's why they living in the property.”

In response, it is acknowledged that the property has been occupied by one looked after child in advance of gaining planning permission. However, that is not illegal or a criminal offence. There are unlikely to be 5-6 cars visiting the site at any one time as it is limited to a maximum of two children and carers on shifts. There is no context as to why the police were called to the property and that and the statement that the former occupier was evicted from the property are not material planning considerations. Noise disturbance is a matter for Public Protection and other legislation/bodies and the Care Inspectorate and the Council's Placements team will liaise with the operator to ensure that the facility is being managed properly. Finally, Council Tax is not relevant to land use planning considerations.

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