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Date : 23rd April 2018
Our ref : DAG/pg/8248/NHDC-TR

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Dear Mr Rea

Re: Your Ref: 18/00959/FP

Change of Use of first floor from B1/B8 (office/storage/distribution) to D1 (educational/music college)

66 Wilbury Way, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 0TP

We write to you in respect of the above request for full planning permission to change the use of the present office to that of a music school.

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We strongly object to this proposal as this would be located directly below our offices and have a detrimental impact on the daily operation of the business. It is essential that a quiet environment is available to enable us to receive emergency calls for gas, plumbing, electrics and air conditioning issues from companies and domestic clients.

We also note that the school will also operate on a Saturday and this is also a working time for the company to complete essential bookwork and records whilst our telephone lines are diverted.

In addition to the impact it would have on the working environment, there is the additional issue in respect of parking and drop-offs for students. There is already limited parking for the existing offices and this would create more risk and inconvenience. The shared rear car park is extremely busy at all times and has limited designated spaces and is also in a very poor condition which prevents some areas from being used.

Wilbury Way road is continually in use and creates high risk to any person trying to get in or out of their vehicles already and there, again, are limited parking spaces.

We already have a music school located in Huntingate and although this is not connected to our building and we are at times affected by the noise this produces depending on type and level of volume and base generated.

Whilst we fully support the development of individuals, we do not feel that this would be a suitable proposition in the suggested location.

We are aware that there have been objections made by other companies on this site and they raise the similar concerns.

Yours sincerely



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