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To: [Engel, Jane](#)
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Importance: High

Dear Jane,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns in my capacity as the Local Policing Area Inspector for Blaenau Gwent relating to the above proposed planning application.

Whilst I fully understand the requirement for more single person affordable accommodation within Blaenau Gwent as a whole, I have to object to this application based on the grounds of increased crime and localised disorder. From policing data and experience, we currently have two other premise, which house numerous individuals in each, that are classified as bed and breakfasts (that in effect have bypassed the status of 'Houses of Multi Occupancy' which affords authorities tighter restrictions and sanctions), which are also located in the immediate vicinity of Tredegar Town Centre, these being, Punch House Flats and The Chambers. Since the establishment of these two premises there has been an increase of crime and disorder associated with each premises, and individuals who either reside or frequent those premises. The factors that have contributed to this include:

1. Individuals being housed there have personal issues, often including substance misuse and many are known to the police linked to criminality, including violence.
2. Individuals with the same complex needs/issues as per point 1, being housed together in the same building (irrespective of individual rooms) is a toxic mix which unfortunately promotes the opportunity for crime and disorder to flourish.
3. The control of who is housed at each premise is not sufficient and therefore this allows persons with significant history with the police, not previously associated with Blaenau Gwent being allowed to move into the locality. Due to having no other family/associates in the vicinity these individuals therefore form relationships with their fellow B&B residents, which directly impacts upon point 1 and 2 as above.

As previously stated these already established premises have had a negative effect on crime, localised disorder, community cohesion and quality of life/comfort for those living/working and visiting the locality. I therefore have serious concerns regarding an additional premises offering the same type of accommodation within such a small area. Furthermore, any further increase of such premise at that location will further compromise the regeneration plans of the town centre that are being proposed and may lead to potential investment in the area being lost.

In terms of some data to reinforce the above:

Chambers

- 9 police calls logged in 2021 including damage, assaults, burglary, racial abuse and homophobic abuse all linked to occupants.
- It should be noted that no calls of this nature prior to it becoming a HMO which now requires security.
- It has/currently houses offenders under Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements from outside of borough
- All calls logged occurred at the property

Punch House Flats

- 29 calls in 2021 of crime related incidents/offenders.
- Crimes recorded in 2021 are Burglaries, Kidnap, theft, assaults, drugs, ASB, Damage, Sexual offences.....all linked to occupants
- 3 x crimes of ASB, disorder and assault recorded in street linked to occupants of the above
- Occupants also linked to shoplifting, assaults, public order in town centre and surrounding areas

I would be grateful if you could sent a receipt of confirmation.

Many thanks

Shane

Cofion gorau | Kind regards

**Shane
Underwood**



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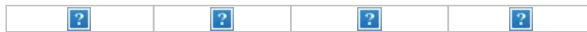
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Sent: 08 September 2021 14:54
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Subject: FW: planning application former Job Centre Coronation Street Tredegar C/2021/0133

Dear Sirs

I am currently dealing with a planning application for the change of use of the above building to a bed and breakfast. The application was reported to Planning Committee last week and Members deferred the application. The Members wished further consultation to be undertaken and the views of the [police](#) in any capacity be sought in relation to the proposed change of use.

I would be grateful if you reply by the 22nd October 2021.

I have attached the details of the application for your information.

Many thanks

Jane Engel

Planning Officer

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