

DEPARTMENT OF REGENERATION

ORIGINATING SECTION: Planning.

REPORT TO: Planning & Highways Committee.

**TITLE: Petition regarding Full Planning Application for Change of use of former care home to 14 self contained one bedroom flats and 6 self contained bungalows. Refurbishment of caretakers flat. at Viewfield House, 73 Oozehead Lane, Blackburn, BB2 6NH
(Ref: 10/15/1231)**

Applicant: Mr L Jones

Ward: Corporation Park

Councillor Arshid Mahmood	
Councillor Abdul Rehman	
Councillor John Wright	

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the receipt of one petition relating to the above planning application.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

2.1 A planning application for the above development was received on 8th October 2015 but not finally made valid until 17th December 2015.

2.2 The petition containing 52 signatures objecting to the above proposal was received on 3rd February 2016 and sets out the objections in a two page covering letter which can be summarised as follows:

2.3 Uncertainty about the type of people moving into the neighbourhood and concern for the safety of local children.
Additional concentration of traffic and parking to the detriment of the local highway.
Noise nuisance and general disturbance caused by alterations.
Drug and alcohol issues in the community that have previously been addressed may now upset the community.

2.5 No decision of the application has been reached.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the petition.

4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 Planning application 10/15/1231 contains details of the application and the petition.

5.0 **CONTACT OFFICER** – John Wilson Extension 5142

6.0 **DATE PREPARED** – 4th February 2016