

DEPARTMENT OF PLACE, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

ORIGINATING SECTION: Planning

REPORT TO: Planning & Highways Committee on 20th January 2022.

TITLE: Petition objecting to an application for full planning permission for the following development:

‘Change of use of first floor from E(G)(i) Offices to F1(a) Educational Class Rooms (retrospective)’ at First Floor 49-51 Preston New Road, Blackburn BB2 6AE

WARD: Wensley Fold

Councillor: Mohammed Khan

Councillor: Dave Harling

Councillor: Quesir Mahmood

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the receipt of a petition objecting to the above mentioned development.
- 1.2 The application is submitted by Unity Educational Trust.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 2.1 The planning application (10/21/1312) was received by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) on 24th November 2021. 65 neighbourhood letters of consultation were sent on 31st November 2021.
- 2.2 The Petition was received by the LPA on 16th December 2021. The Petition objects to the application on the grounds of highway impacts arising from large volumes of cars entering New Park Street, which is a Cul-de-sac. It is alleged that vehicles associated with the Madressa use double park along New Park Street, obstructing the entrance / exit of the car park at the rear of New Park Street, and occupy the car park associated with Kaspas and the Queen Vic Chippery, during drop off and pick times. Anti-social behaviour, including abuse and damage to vehicles, warranting Police intervention, is also alleged.
- 2.3 The petition, containing 15 signatures, is appended to this report.
- 2.4 Member’s are advised that assessment of the planning application is ongoing and that all material matters that must be considered in the decision making process will be addressed. This includes highway impacts arising from the use. An officer recommendation will be available in due course. The statutory 8 week determination date expires 19th January 2022, though a decision may fall outside of this timescale, in the event of a mutually accepted extension of time.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the petition be noted by Members and that the lead petitioner be informed of any decision taken, including the outcome of the current planning application.

4.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

4.1 The petition subject of this report, including signatures, comments and covering email.

4.2 Planning application 10/21/1312.

5.0 CONTACT OFFICER: Nick Blackledge; Principal Planner, Development Management.

6.0 DATE PREPARED: 6th January 2022.