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Date: 8th January 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Planning Application PL/2025/09565

I am writing in relation to the above planning application. I wish to confirm that **I have no objection to the conversion of the existing listed building into two two-bedroom apartments.**

However, **I strongly object to the proposed new four-storey building to be constructed at the rear of the property**, for the reasons set out below.

I am the owner of the following properties at 4, Fore Street, Trowbridge - Norwood Court, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8HG:

- Flat 1
- Flat 2
- Flat 3
- Flat 4
- Flat 5
- Flat 6
- Flat 7
- Flat 8
- Flat 9
- Flat 10
- Flat 11
- Flat 12
- Flat 14

I have already received a complaint from the occupier of **Flat 7 Norwood Court**, raising concerns directly linked to the proposed four-storey rear development.

Reasons for Objection

1. Loss of Privacy and Loss of Light

The scale and height of the proposed four-storey building would result in a significant loss of natural light and privacy to several flats at Norwood Court. In particular:

- The hallway and landing areas serving the flats would be adversely affected.
- **Flat 10** would suffer a severe loss of light to the lounge, which contains a large window and is the *only* window serving that room.

- **Flats 2, 11 and 14** would also be materially impacted due to the proximity, height, and massing of the proposed building.

This level of impact is unacceptable and would materially harm the residential amenity of existing occupiers.

2. Fire Safety and Means of Escape

The proposed development would obstruct the existing fire escape route serving **13 flats and the commercial shop**. This route is the **only means of escape for the shop**, and its obstruction raises serious concerns regarding fire safety and compliance with building and planning regulations.

Any development that compromises an established means of escape presents an unacceptable risk to occupiers and should not be supported.

3. Overdevelopment and Parking Pressure

The introduction of a four-storey building to the rear represents an overdevelopment of the site and is out of keeping with the surrounding area. There is also significant concern that additional residents will increase parking pressure, leading to unauthorised use of my **designated parking spaces**, which would negatively impact current residents and property management.

Conclusion

While I support the sensitive conversion of the existing listed building, the proposed four-storey rear building is excessive in scale, harmful to neighbouring residential amenity, raises serious fire safety concerns, and constitutes overdevelopment of the site.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that **the four-storey rear extension element of this application be refused**.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Richard Candy

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