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I AM A PHARMACIST AND I OWN THE PHARMACY AT 18 BERKELEY RD, WHICH HAS OPERATED FOR APPROX 17 YEARS.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE ARE IN FAVOUR OF THE DEVELOPMENT FOR MANY REASONS INCLUDING THE REJUVENATION OF THE AREA WHICH IT BADLY NEEDS BUT NOT AT ANY COST, ON CLOSER EXAMINATION WE REALISED THAT THERE ARE SEVERE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE FACTORS FOR MY PHARMACY BUSINESS AND THE OTHER TRADERS OR SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE LOCALITY.

THE VIABILITY OF THE PHARMACY IS UNDER THREAT AS IT IS PROPOSED TO ENCLOSE THE EXCAVATION SITE WITH A 2.5 M HIGH HOARDING WHICH WILL CLOSE THE FOOTPATH AND COMPLETELY OBSCURE THE PHARMACY FROM VIEW TO THOSE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE MATER PUBLIC, THE MATER PRIVATE AND OTHER CLINICS ALONG ECCLES STREET.

- 1) PATIENTS COMING ALONG ECCLES STREET
- 2) PATIENTS COMING FROM THE HOSPITALS.
- 3) PASSING TRADE.
- 4) RESTRICTED ACCESS WITH THE FOOTPATH BEING CLOSED.
- 5) RESTRICTED ACCESS FOR ACCESS BY CAR AND REDUCED CAR PARKING

THE PHARMACY KEEPS AN OPEN DOOR FOR TRADING PURPOSES WHICH IN TURN CAUSES PROBLEMS WITH,

- 1) NOISE
- 2) DUST
- 3) VIBRATION.

ONE OF THE MAJOR COHORTS THAT ATTEND PHARMACIES ARE THOSE WITH MOBILITY PROBLEMS AND THE ELDERLY AND THUS ACCESS IS IMPORTANT.

VACCINATIONS AGAINST COVID AND FLU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT SERVICE WE PROVIDE IN OUR PHARMACY AS WE HAVE ADMINISTERED MORE THEN 4,000 VACCINES IN THE LAST 2 YEARS AND THIS SERVICE IS ESSENTIAL FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS WHERE CONVIENCE AND ACCESS ARE ALL IMPORTANT.

2 VENTS ARE BEING INTRODUCED ONE OF WHICH WILL BE WITHIN FEET OF MY FRONT DOOR, IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT EFFECT THE VENT WILL HAVE ON THE PHARMACY IS UNKNOWN WRT NOISE AND THE QUALITY OF AIR BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE PHARMACY, WHY CAN THIS VENT BE RELOCATED AWAY FROM MY DOOR.

IT TAKE YEARS TO GENERATE GOODWILL IN THE PHARMACY BUSINESS AND DEVELOP CUSTOMER LOYALTY BUT THIS CAN BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFICULT. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THERE WOULD BE A DOWNTURN IN THE PHARMACY BUSINESS WITH AN INCREASED RISK OF BUSINESS FAILURE.

WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED IT REPRESENTS A DIRECT THREAT TO MY LIVILIHOD AND THAT OF THE PEOPLE I EMPLOY.