

## **STATEMENT NUMBER A1**

Views - The visuals prepared (especially Fig 3 View 1, Fig 7 View 3, Fig 11 View 4 and Fig 9 View 4) show an ugly, blocking structure. It is inappropriate in the skyline and obscures some of the views currently enjoyed from leisure areas such as Ashton Court and the base of Avon Trail area

White City Allotments - There will be a lot of dust and disturbance in this area during the build causing an inconvenience to allotment holders. Once built, the structure will overshadow the plots and make growing of some crops and flowers extremely difficult.

Traffic and pollution - Without development of the road system in the area the already extremely busy roads, where we see standing traffic during busy times (twice per working day and also on match days), there will be even more pressure on the system with new houses in the area. Not only will the traffic increase but also the level of pollution from increased traffic, this will not necessarily clear quickly as the roads here are in a bowl, trapping gases. It would be interesting to see a pollution survey prepared for the current Paxton Drive site to review current levels and increases since that development was completed.

Massing - Given that the site was originally considered suitable for 150 properties by the council, this current proposal for 220 is overly dense.

Gateway to the city - The monolithic nature of this structure is hardly a fitting gateway to the city from this direction, on this we agree with Historic England. Bristol deserves better.

Cycle paths - the current cycle paths around the site (Festival Way) will no longer meet the standards adopted by the council in a recent change where they have adopted the new National standard requiring 5m wide shared paths.

Overall design comments - The design is ugly and uninspiring and not suitable for this location at all.

On behalf of the BS3 Planning Group

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