

STATEMENT NUMBER A11

Application no. 21/00746/F

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to object to this development as Chairperson of Chandos Neighbourhood Association, a residents' association which includes the Clyde Park area.

Firstly, this would represent a break with the Core Strategy of 2011 Policy B15 which states that "Townscape and landscape features that contribute to the character or appearance of streets and open spaces within Conservation Areas should be preserved or enhanced.' (II) Development will not be permitted where it would unacceptably harm landscapes, open spaces and gardens that contribute to the character of the area." Clyde Park houses are elegant Victorian villas with proportionately sized gardens which do indeed contribute to the character of the area. To build a 2 storey dwelling in the back part of the garden spoils the proportions of this fine Victorian property.

Furthermore, this development would impede the glimpses of buildings and other gardens presently seen along Clyde Lane. In Paragraph 6.2.2 of Cotham & Redland Character Appraisal & Management Proposals it is stated that these views and glimpses make an important contribution to the local character, thus it would contravene principles of the conservation area document.

In addition, this development of a small 2 bedroom dwelling does not answer the great need for decent family accommodation. The LSOA in which Clyde Park is situated has a proliferation of flats over houses and this is effectively another such development. Too small for a family, with no car-parking, it is likely to be another short-term rental property which brings little long-term benefit to the local community.

And finally, I would like to point to the need to preserve our gardens and green spaces and not to build over them. The last year with the pandemic has served to show the importance of access to green space for our mental well-being, but this development has no such green space.

Building over gardens in an already crowded part of the city is a real threat to the biodiversity of the city. We now understand the importance of encouraging pollinators and wildlife in our inner urban areas. To maintain and encourage this biodiversity, we need our gardens as havens for such wildlife and should strongly resist concreting over them.

Yours faithfully,

Diana Swain