

# **South Swindon Parish Council** **(Central Swindon South Parish Council)** **Planning Application Response Form**

**Date:** 11 October 2017

**Case Number:** S/OUT/17/0655/TB

Former Aspen House  
Temple Street

**Description:** Outline application for the erection of a mixed use development comprising up to 188no. flats and commercial (classes A1,A2,A3,A4,A5 & B1). All matter reserved.

## **Parish Council Outcome**

*No Objection*

*Object X*

### **DECISION: Objection for the following reasons:**

1. Not in keeping with the street scene in terms of height of the building. The former building on this site was 6 storey in height and the plans for a building of 13 storey in this location would dominate the surrounding area. The height should be similar to height of the former building.
2. Impact on properties in surrounding street in terms of reduction in daylight and privacy. The height of the proposed building will take all the light from the small shops and flats in Temple Street and will overlook the surrounding properties.
3. The number of flats to be contained within the building will mean that they will be very small in size. The Parish Council would like to see a better quality design that is more suitable for people to live in.
4. There was no assessment of car parking for the development. It is understood that Swindon Borough Council's Policy does not require car parking to be addressed for new housing in the town centre, but this document is dated 2007 and an urgent review is needed of this policy. Many of the nearby car parks are closed at night and parking for residents and visitors would be a problem.
5. The Parish Council questions why the contribution to affordable housing either on or off site would make the development unsustainable and would like to see an independent assessment that this was the case.
6. Impact on local services not sustainable. It known that local services like doctors and schools in the town centre do not have the capacity to take on more people.

The Parish Council supports more residential properties in the town centre and the development of this site in particular. However, they would want to see a new building that was more in keeping with the local area.

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