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Dear Minister,

We write regarding the planning case - Application 22/03834/FUL (Student Accommodation) 72-74 Eyre Place, Edinburgh.

We are disappointed that the concerns of constituents have been overlooked regarding the planning application. Local residents have expressed very real concerns on the negative impact the development will have on their lives, from what seems to be a totally inappropriate proposed size & nature of development in a thriving existing residential community.

These concerns with the proposal include the high density of Student Flats, leading to an overdevelopment of the site, loss of open space, potential noise and disturbance, loss of daylight and sunlight, impact on privacy, outlook and a reduction in car parking.

As well as these concerns, the Yard, located at 22 Eyre Place Lane has recently been awarded a five-year contract for the care of children with extreme medical needs. We would encourage the planning officer to consider this in their decision on the basis of the disruption and inconvenience to the service users. Of particular concern is access for ambulances and other emergency vehicles, given that epileptic children are being cared for at the Yard.

The interested parties have contacted the Care Commission to gauge the impact on the Yard in general, as well as the access issues mentioned.

As a final point, can we ask that the Scottish Government Reporter agree to meet with residents ahead of any planning decisions. This would be appreciated by local residents as there is a strong feeling that their voices are not being heard.

We would hope this will be considered and a response provided in good time.

Kind regards,

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Miles Briggs MSP

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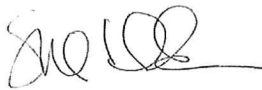
Jeremy Balfour MSP

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Sarah Boyack MSP

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