

Statement from AS (Oadby Resident)
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Sandhurst Street is a residential street with only one access for the A6, which becomes a bottleneck at times. Having been to the library and seen the proposed plans for Sandhurst Street car park, horrified me. I was aware of a multi storey car park plus some shops coming, but the size of this development stunned me.

Sandhurst Street is not suitable for the heavy vehicles that would be required to bring building materials on to the site of this proposed development and if and when completed delivery to the shops.

What damage could be caused by this heavy traffic using the road such as water and sewage pipes. Also vibration could cause damage to houses in the street subsequently devaluing properties which I feel will happen if this project goes ahead.

We have residential parking one side and this type of traffic could make it difficult for residents getting in and out. Also there is a question of health and safety, with reduced parking on Brooksby Close because of the development of flats and shops, people will have no choice but to use the multi storey car park which puts further pressure on Sandhurst Street.

At this present time parking for the elderly is good. Would they be happy having to use a multi storey car park and would visitors to the community centre/ mosque use it for the time they are there or would they park in side streets annoying those residents.

Has consideration been taken for people living in Chestnut Avenue and Primrose Hill? These people live in bungalows and would no longer be able to enjoy the privacy they now have. They will be overlooked by this building which could also reduce sunlight.

I live immediately next door to the present car park. I have lived here for 28 happy years, but do not look forward to the future. With building works and increased traffic, there will be little peace. I cannot afford to move, so therefore feel trapped.

Until the time when pay and display was brought in business people used the car park. Over the following years, the numbers dwindled as they found places in the side streets free, annoying the residents of those streets.

It is my opinion and others these plans will not enhance Oadby as is the belief of the Council. You only have to visit other towns and see the number of vacant businesses and shops. Shops are struggling to keep their heads above water

with crippling over heads. Such as rates, rent, domestic services and stock, before profits. Also in today's modern age much shopping is done on the internet. Then you have the supermarkets which seem to stock everything.

I hope these comments will be taken on board and seriously considered. Life for the surrounding residents will never be the same if this goes ahead.