

On behalf of myself and my wife who own property in Castle Gate, Nottingham

For clarification, all references to the Castle Gate properties and their residents refer to the properties at 43 - 55 Castle Gate on the Castle side of Maid Marian Way and their respective owners/residents.

Considerations:

Layout -

Layout changes to Castle Boulevard and Maid Marian Way to increase traffic will thereby lead to increased noise and pollution. The properties on Castle Gate already experience a lot of noise from excessive speeding on Maid Marian Way, traffic calming measurements may be needed (even more) with new layout.

Another area of concern is Castle Road. Increase in visitor numbers will increase the amount of people turning at the top of our entrance potentially creating bottle necks and interfering with the residents' access to the private parking area at the back of our properties. Genuine double yellow parking restrictions at the top of Castle Gate (behind Severns House) to stop illegal parking and other measurements as needed to be considered.

Unrestricted 24-hour access to our parking area and uncompromised security of the area itself MUST be guaranteed. The access road is very narrow and any increase in space by moving any new buildings back by a few meters would alleviate the situation and be much appreciated.

Construction -

Impact of dirt, dust and noise during the demolition and construction process on the Castle Gate properties to be taken into consideration. All properties have gardens at the back and are located extremely closely to the current college building. Working hours should be restricted and measurements put into place to avoid unreasonable impact on the residents' lives and their privacy (evenings, weekends). The building site will need to be secured to deter illegal access to the site/activities which could pose a safety risk to the Castle Gate properties and their residents.

Characteristics of new buildings -

When planning the use of the new buildings, the privacy of the residents on Castle Gate needs to be taken into consideration, i.e. placements of any windows overlooking the properties on Castle Gate, any balconies, noise, opening hours etc.

We strongly hope the look, size and height of any new buildings will reflect their position within the historically important heritage area and the vision for the overhaul of Nottingham Castle and its importance for the city. Our properties on Castle Gate, as some of the only Georgian properties in the vicinity and with their huge curb appeal and impression on visitors

to the city, form an integral part of the area and deserve protection and respect during the restructuring of the area. As Nigel Turpin said in a previous meeting, they 'need breathing space'.

Consequences of new buildings and their use -

Need for any access of delivery and/or service vehicles to be taken into consideration, together with noise and pollution impact on residents and their access to their private parking area. Potential need for restricted operating hours to be considered.

More frequent waste collections need to take into consideration the residential nature of the Castle Gate properties. We have previously had to complain to the council about this and any future developments must take into account that the Castle Gate properties are no longer empty and/or commercial.

Kind regards

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