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Our Ref: PM/KM

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Planning Permission – 119 Newton Drive, Conversion into Flats**

I am writing to raise my objection to the plans to convert the property at 119 Newton Drive into flats. The Newton Drive area has long been established as residential area for family units and I feel that this development, if permitted would not fit in with the character of the area and would have a negative effect on the homes in the area as a result. It would also cause unacceptable damage to the environmental quality and residential amenity in the area given the increase in waste (both in sewerage and bins), noise and a reduction in the greenery in the area.

Parking will also become a concern for the area, it is necessary that adequate off street parking should be provided for the residents of the flats, ideally one space per flat. Access to the property from the road may also need to be amended to suit the converted property. Unfortunately in this area, this could be a difficulty. An increase in traffic movement may also become problematic for the existing residents.

Although I realise that this property is not within a holiday zone and so could be converted into flats, it is disappointing to see that a suitable property for a family may be converted in this way. Family accommodation in Blackpool is difficult to obtain, particularly given the growth of HMOs and single apartments in Blackpool over the past few years. Keeping the property as a single family home is in line with the neighbourhood plan for the local Council who I understand are committed to providing high-quality residential accommodation in the Blackpool area. The property is designed as a family home, flats are out of keeping with the prevailing character of the surrounding area.

There is no exceptional need for flats in the area and I feel that the Council should respect the character of the neighbouring buildings and residents by not allowing this conversion to go ahead. Therefore I ask that Blackpool Borough Council refuse this planning application and concentrate on improving the area in line with the needs of the families and residents living nearby. Should you



require any additional information or clarification on comments please do not hesitate to contact me on 01253 473071 or by emailing [paul.maynard.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:paul.maynard.mp@parliament.uk). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully

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