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Dear Rachael Roddis

Very recently a friend and neighbour brought to my attention the proposed cellar conversions of both 132 park grove and 118 into a 2 bedroom flats, and the rest of the existing houses into 5 bed HMO making 7 bed in each house, both by the same developer. I thank the council for turning down planning for 118, but it seems that the developer may be ignoring planning because it looks like he has started to take the cellar wall out ready for conversion, plus work continues on the rest of the house.

On planning for 132, this is pretty much the same as 118. The plans show that the ground floor lounge is to be converted into a bedroom so the house as planned will be 5 bedrooms with a shared kitchen, no family lounge and obviously not a family home. Add the cellar flat that has 2 bedrooms then the existing family home becomes a 7 bedroom multi rental.

This will devalue the houses either side because it's very unlikely any family would chose to buy and live next door to a 7 bed multi occupancy property where tenants will be transient, there could be 10 or more people living there not to mention the amount of extra cars this adds. If this happened next to me i would be making plans to sell my house or even turn it into multi occupancy myself, my Neighbour who has children said she would be making plans to sell, so i believe most family's would feel the same so the odds are the current neighbors either side will decide to sell their houses, and because they will struggle to sell as do so the adjoining property's are likely to end up with a developer who will basically go multi occupancy.

Park Grove is currently one of Barnsley town centers best preserved and friendly neighbourhood with the majority of the street being good size family homes and occupied as such, but the knock-on effect of some of these larger Victorian property's becoming bedsit's/multi occupancy will change the street and will be hard to reverse. We have put our plans to replace our existing plastic windows with Victorian style sash windows on hold, what is the point? we may end up moving if the developer gets his way. This development benefits one man at the expense of park grove residents.

Best wishes
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