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To whom it may concern:

I would like to object to the proposed compulsory purchase and development of the above site, in particular to my workplace, Unit 6, The Courtyard, Lynton Road.

The business I am employed by is a growing structural engineering practice, providing employment for 18 local people, with planned recruitment this year and next of a further 15 people. My primary reason for choosing to work here is the locality, and the ease at which I can get home for school runs etc; I am not convinced the company would be able to find another workplace as beautiful or convenient as this one in the local area, which would mean a number of staff would have to consider moving to other company, which was be a great financial blow to the company, and its growth. The building, a converted Victorian piano factory, is not only beautiful, but has had considerable investment to improve facilities since I started working here in 2014, and there is investment planned for the site for this financial year.

The Courtyard has a community of small businesses, all employing locally, it is a great asset to the local area and has a rigorous maintenance schedule to ensure its upkeep. I don't think developing the site to provide 41 residential units would be financial viable when you consider the loss of investments in the local communities by the resident companies should the development go ahead.

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