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Dear Planning Department,

I object to this proposal based on the below:

1. **Insufficient Parking Provision**
   The proposed development of 8 new bedroom flats would place significant additional pressure on the already limited parking availability in Sandgate. There is not sufficient capacity in the surrounding area to accommodate the overflow parking this development would generate. This is likely to deter visitors to local businesses, harming the local economy and vitality of Sandgate High Street.
2. **Increased Pressure on Undercliff Parking and Access**
   The undercliff area is already under strain due to excessive parking, which is creating serious access problems for residents. Additional vehicles associated with the proposed flats would exacerbate this situation, potentially causing emergency access issues and further inconvenience for those living along this road.
3. **Traffic Disruption and Construction Impact**
   As the proposed site is situated along a key coastal access road, the large-scale construction works required would likely lead to road closures or restricted access. This would cause considerable disruption to traffic flow in and out of Sandgate, affecting both residents and visitors, and potentially diverting traffic through less suitable residential routes.
4. **Proximity to Known Sinkhole Site**
   The development is located directly adjacent to a sinkhole which has reappeared multiple times in recent years. Building on or near such geologically unstable ground poses a significant safety risk and raises concerns about the long-term viability and structural integrity of the proposed development.
5. **Overdevelopment and Visual Impact on the Area**
   The scale and massing of the proposed building are entirely out of keeping with the character of the surrounding area. The overall mass would dwarf the existing charming and historically significant buildings along Sandgate High Street, undermining the unique architectural heritage and aesthetic of the village.
6. **Concerns Based on Nearby Incomplete Development**
   Can I also remind the Council of the current state of the nearby development just a stone's throw from this proposed site, opposite Military Road Park. In that case, over 70 trees were removed to make way for residential construction, but the site has since been left in a state of disarray—with temporary fencing scattered throughout the adjacent woods and no sign of completion. It appears to have been abandoned. If there is genuinely a demand for more residential housing in the area, perhaps the responsible parties could be encouraged to complete that development before new ones are approved.

For all of the above reasons, I respectfully urge the council to reject Planning Application 25/1410/FH in order to preserve the integrity, safety, and character of the Sandgate community.

Yours sincerely,
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