

Comments for Planning Application PLAN/2020/0568

Application Summary

Application Number: PLAN/2020/0568

Address: Land To The North And South Of Goldsworth Road Woking Surrey GU21 6JT

Proposal: Demolition of all existing buildings and redevelopment of the site for a phased mixed-use scheme, comprising 965 residential units (Class C3), communal residential and operational spaces, commercial uses (Classes A1/A2/A3/A4/B1/D1/D2) at ground floor and homeless shelter (sui generis) within 5 blocks of varying heights of between 9 and 40 storeys (plus rooftop amenity) to the north and south sides of the site together with soft and hard landscaping including public realm works, highway alterations to Goldsworth Road, car parking, cycle parking, bin storage, ancillary facilities and plant (Environmental Statement submitted).

Case Officer: Brooke Bougnague

Customer Details

Name: Mr Tom and Mary Barton

Address: 34 Brewery Road, Horsell, Woking, Surrey GU21 4NA

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Generation of noise level
- High-over density of development
- Highway reasons - parking
- Impact of development
- Loss of privacy
- Out of Character
- Overlooking
- Positive support for the development
- Traffic Volume

Comment: We are objecting to the development for three reasons:

- 1) With the number of proposed apartments the density of the site is too high and will cause significant additional traffic and environmental issues.
- 2) The tallest tower is higher than Victoria Square. We are now overlooked by Victoria Square and we object to having even more residences overlooking our property.
- 3) There does not appear to be any cognisance of the requirements of the new Building Safety Bill that has been tabled for Consultation following the report by Dame Judith Hackett, Building a Safer Britain, into how to prevent a repeat of the Grenfell Tower Disaster. As we are sure both the developers and the Council will be aware the new Bill will require a significant input into the fire safety of a high rise building and this input has to be approved prior to Planning Consent being

granted. This process has not been carried out and indeed the comment by Surrey Fire Brigade contributes nothing towards ensuring the fire safety of the building. Dame Judith Hackett has recently criticised the Development Industry in not doing anything positive to prevent another Grenfell. It seems to be morally indefensible to push through this development pending the implementation of the new planning bill. If the Council has concerns over the safety of its residents then it has a moral duty to reject this proposal.