

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 David Brown

Address: 66 Vale Farm Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 6DP

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Resident (local res.- member of public)

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
- Traffic Volume

Comment:

I Object to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. Loss of Light - A 40 storey building will block a significant amount of light over Vale Farm Road and Oak's Road. This will cast a huge shadow for quite a large portion of the day. I feel my privacy as well my neighbours will be compromised as we will be overlooked.

2. Generation of noise and traffic if the development went ahead.

3. Parking - As a new local resident I already know the difficulties that I and other local residents

face. Adding more people in massive towers where there is nowhere to park in town will be a nightmare for everyone. Car parks are already jammed and can't take a further huge influx of people. (The development only provides a mere 263 parking spaces which is a ridiculously small number to match such an 'ambitions' project.)

4. Huge strain on local resources/public services with such an impacting development.

5. There needs to be a 'risk assessment' from 'Fairoaks Operations LTD' as the Fairoaks local circuit from Runway 24 already comes very close to the existing tall buildings. If a 40 storey block is built this becomes a real threat for aircraft flying to and from the airfield in bad weather as the top of the tower will be in cloud. This is clearly unsafe and potentially disastrous.

From my perspective 'PARTS' of Woking do need to be regenerated but NOT BY BUILDING SKYSCRAPERS! The two new skyscrapers that are being finished are eyesores and might potentially become white elephants. I believe the majority of people don't want to live in a 'concrete jungle'. Developments should be lower density with much more emphasis on the future leaning towards more sustainable green developments with better regards for environmental issues and impacts.