

# 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 929 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 37 storeys (including 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) (amended plans and reports received 13.11.2020).

Case Officer: Brooke Bougnague

## Customer Details

Name: Mr colin buchanan

Address: 8 Wheatsheaf Close, Horsell, Woking, Surrey GU21 4BP

## Comment Details

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

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Impact of development

Comment: I object to this proposed development for these reasons:

- 1 - long term population trends. I don't think this development has been tested against long term population growth or decline predictions both nationally and in this area, apart from the near term and myopic targets imposed on Woking and other areas from central government; I suggest this is just a short term commercial enterprise not in the public interest.
- 2 - high rise trends - I believe there has been a move away from high rise tower blocks as these have been shown to be out of step with development of safe and social communities of people.
- 3 - traffic: regardless of whether or not adequate parking is included, there will be additional direct and indirect traffic in an area that can't cope already.
- 4 - Woking was a separate conurbation from the greater London suburban area, I am concerned that this development will lead to acceleration of the inclusion of Woking in the continuous suburbs from central London.
- 5 - there is rumour that there is a conflict of interest within Woking Borough Council and the developers. This needs to be examined as a matter of priority so it can be dismissed or dealt with.