

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 Bounague

Customer Details

Name: Miss CHIARA CADEI

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Comment Details

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

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- High-over density of development
- Highway reasons - parking
- Impact of development
- Out of Character

Comment: I formally object to the above planning application and I would like my objection to be duly noted and acknowledged.

The area around the planned Greening Goldsworth Road development is certainly in need of development however building 956 homes comprising of 5 towers of 9 storey, 21 storey 2x 29 storey and 41 storey is definitely not the answer.

Only 48 storey of the 965 homes will be affordable and only 24 of the 965 are likely to be big enough for families. Furthermore the plan is for building and selling only 216 parking for an estimated 2464 resident, this is absolutely unacceptable.

With the current situation and with working from home becoming the norm, people will not need to commute from and to London. Woking needs families homes with space for working and living not a huge bed sit.

Affordable housing is a massive need in our area but most of these developments are not geared up to be affordable family homes. Skyscrapers are not the answer. They are not what Woking needs.

Furthermore Woking has been known as an area with terrible traffic congestion for years now. To

support this number of new homes serious investment is needed in roads and public transport in the area. This includes rail services to London which have seen some of the worst overcapacity in the country. Woking has seen no investment in public services such as additional GP provision, school places, council services etc. GP practices are already stretched (lead-times for a GP appointment is now a minimum of 4 weeks, when I moved to Woking 15 years ago, it was next day) and will be unable to support hundreds of new residents. These high-rises are a blight on what was a nice landscape, it is disgusting to be able to see them from as far as Guildford. Woking is a town, not a city. Please stop ruining it and using 'affordable housing' as an excuse, there are other solutions that don't add to congestion in an already congested place.

Please note that I fully support the development of this area and new premises for the York Road Project and Woking Railway Athletic Club-but this specific development is simply too big and too dense!