

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: Mr Stewart Courtnell

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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
- Impact of development
- Out of Character

Comment: This is another example of projected over-development in central Woking. The current build for Victoria Square is still causing considerable disruption with the prospect of even more with the works around Victoria Arch. The state of the roads, pavements and access to the town centre has been disrupted for some considerable time already and now, a proposed new development will blight our lives for even longer.

On the South side of the railway, we are already getting inconvenient reflections from the current build, with the possibility of a substantial increase if this plan goes ahead, apart from the effect of wind channeling and shadow cast. One assumes that the Surrey Fire Service are happy to deal with such developments as are the other emergency services?

When I first visited Woking, BAT's Export House stuck out like a sore thumb, visible from considerable distances, and now, the town centre will be viewed like Manhattan, a considerable island of over-development.