

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: Mrs Carole Frost

Address: 25 Waldens Park Road, Horsell, Woking, Surrey GU21 4RN

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 particularly object to the height of the main tower. Reducing it by 4 floors does not address the problem. The tall tower should be no more than 20 stories high. High rise buildings have been a fire trap in other parts of the country and I don't see why Woking is attempting to go the same way. Do the fire services which although close, have ladders that will even go up to 40 stories?

It is not without reason that people talk of Woking becoming a town of high rise buildings. I realize we need to provide housing but this can be done within the constraints of lowering the height of the building. This would be more in keeping with the original character of Woking which has certainly been eroded already.