

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 Matthew Goldsmith

Address: 3 Guernsey Farm Drive, Horsell, Woking, Surrey GU21 4BE

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: Firstly, the affordable housing offer for these skyscrapers - as it was with other unfit development proposals, such as Cardinal Court - is openly insulting in that it gives the merest acknowledgement for the vast majority of local residents whom this will not help on to the property ladder.

As with the other existing blocks neighbouring the railway, these expensive cubes will, in the main, serve merely as a bolt hole for commuters who will spend most of their time and money further up the train line.

I've spoken to a number of people who have been back to Woking after a number of years away and they were shocked at the expenditure, poor execution of planning and quality of developments that have sprung up in the interim.

As per the comments from many well informed objectors, this proposal clearly goes against WBC's own strategies with regards housing provision and town planning.

Now that Mr Morgan has stepped away from the council, can his vision for 'Singapore in Surrey' go with him, please?

I hope the new administration will truly listen to local, lifelong Wokingians' opinions about our town rather than just entertaining wave after wave of unwelcome planning applications until the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th slightly amended version is passed.

Surely, now is the time for WBC to chasing its losses and making us residents suffer the consequences.