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Dear Woking Borough Council

As a long-standing resident of Woking (over 50 years), I wish to strongly object to this Greening Goldsworth Road development

In essence, my objections are on the following basis:

- Height (We do not need more and even higher skyscrapers dominating our town)
- Density of accommodation (965 homes – 4 times the indicative density of a previous scheme and way over Woking's required 'new homes' quota when you add this development to Sheerwater, Victoria Place and other developments already in planning stages)
- Pathetic number of affordable homes included (only 48 of the 965 homes (5%) are classed as affordable)
- 'Mix' of homes will not meet local needs (mostly small and very small apartments for commuters that can't afford to live in London – not suitable for families)
- Scale in relation to everything else in the town. Current Victoria Place development should be the highest point as the centre and the last major town centre development
- Lack of local amenities for the 2464 additional residents, who will be small flat-dwellers. Inevitably there will be considerable impact on local pubs and restaurants. Street behaviour in the evening is already challenging and these additional residents will increase the negative impact of over-urbanisation of our town

The character of our attractive, multicultural Surrey town is being totally transformed in a highly undesirable way by overdevelopment into an dormitory development of flat dwellers. One can only wonder how the town centre will deteriorate as all these flats built over a single decade become older and shabbier.

Yours sincerely

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