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From: Patrick Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 August 2020 15:53
To: DevelopmentControl
Subject: Greening Goldsworth Road

Dear Sir,

Re: PLAN/2020/0568

I would like to register my objections to the proposed development work in Goldsworth Road,, Woking.

My objections are as follows:

- Whilst this part of the town centre is without doubt in need of updating and improvement I can think of no compelling reason for constructing further towers, one of which is going to soar to 41 storeys. This is not going to have an enhancing visual effect on the area.
- The planned duration of construction is 8 years. Do Woking Borough Council really believe that its residents are eager for 8 further years (and probably more as a large proportion of building projects overrun) of significant disruption?
- The proposal for 216 parking spaces to service 965 homes and an estimated 2464 residents is wholly inadequate. It was possibly envisaged that many residents would make use of Woking railway station to commute to their place of work; pre Covid-19 this was one possible scenario but the volume of rail commuters is going to drastically decline in this new age of people a. working from home and b. being encouraged to avoid public transport and drive instead. In addition, irrespective of how many people use the railways to get to their place of work the majority of individuals, couples or families still like to have a vehicle to use for domestic and/or pleasurable purposes. Without sufficient parking spaces being incorporated into the proposed development it is inevitable that those not fortunate enough to secure one of the 216 available spaces will make use of the surrounding streets causing huge parking problems for the long-suffering existing residents of the town. As a resident of Mabel Street I am already dreading these proposals being implemented.

Thank you for your attention in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Mitchell (Mabel Street resident)