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From: James Newton-Brown [REDACTED]
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To: DevelopmentControl
Subject: Fwd: ref PLAN/2020/0568

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to the planning application for redevelopment of land to the north and south of Goldsworth road.

I would like it to go on record that as a long term resident of Woking I do not support this planning application and I would strongly encourage you to refuse permission for this large project.

My reasons for suggesting that the planning application be declined are as follows:

- The design and visual impact of the project is significant and will negatively impact the skyline and local geography of this area which is largely residential and is not subject to this level of high rise development, the significant size of the blocks – 40 stories – will have a very negative effect and will visually impact the skyline of the Goldsworth area creating large unsightly buildings on the skyline in this area.
- There will be substantial impact on the local amenities, specifically a large increase in noise and traffic in an area which has already had significant impact over the last few years during the redevelopment of the shopping area in Woking. It will also significantly impact the relative peace and quiet of the Basingstoke canal and the pathway along which many local residents use for walks and leisure activities.
- There will be significant impact on the local residents around the Goldsworth road area and many will be impacted by loss of privacy, overshadowing and loss of light as the result of this extremely large 40 story development, 40 stories should not be underestimated and is actually defined as a skyscraper, and will tower some 400 feet (122 metres) – for context the Empire State Building is 40 stories high – the redevelopment is far from the iconic design of this famous Manhattan landmark building and Woking is far from New York City – the residents of this area will be significantly impacted and I do not believe this is in keeping with the area and its residents
- The planning department have declined several times similar schemes in the town and this for me sets a precedent of the plans for the shape and style of the town – I would urge you to deliver the same consistency and decline this project for the same reasons..

Many thanks

James Newton-Brown

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