

# 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 965 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 40 storeys (plus 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).

Case Officer: Brooke Bougnague

## Customer Details

Name: Mr Richard Pugh

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Resident (local res.- member of public)

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Generation of noise level
- High-over density of development
- Highway reasons - parking
- Impact of development
- Traffic Volume

Comment: This is a ridiculous proposition as there is simply no need for yet another high rise:

1 - More flats being built with no supporting amenities being considered necessary, i.e. doctors surgeries or schools.

2 - The number of parking spaces is ridiculously low. This will only lead people to park in nearby streets or public car parks and will only clog up the roads even further.

3 - The town centre is currently a construction site and already will be for the foreseeable future. Constructing a further high rise a stones throw from the main square will only increase the noise, the dust, the pollution, the roadworks and will continue to make the lives of residents and visitors a misery.

4 - Commuters from Woking to London already suffer from dangerously packed trains. Assuming

that a significant percentage of these 965 new flats will be bought by commuters, how will the commute get any safer without any significant station improvements.

5 - Residents who work in or near Woking town centre already suffer with bad traffic, how will 965 new flats make this any better without any significant road improvements.

6 - Out of the 965 new flats, only 48 will be affordable which is less than 5%. This is way below the councils own criteria. Granting planning permission for this will set a precedent for future developers to do the same.

7 - Can the developers and the council really be sure that this development will be financially viable given that we are about to enter a major recession.