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 Adrian Scott

Address: 30 Loop Road, Kingfield, Woking, Surrey GU22 9BQ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Resident (local res.- member of public) Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- High-over density of development

Comment: I would like to object to 'The Greening Goldsworth Road Development' on the following high-over density of development grounds:

N.B. My objection is based on evidence found in the following BBC News article (from yesterday 4th August 2020): https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-53650657

One test that should be applied as part of this application is can the developer meet the minimum gross internal floor area and storage spaces specified in Table 1 of the Nationally Described space standard (ref:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/524531/160519_Nationally_Described_Space_Standard____Final_Web_version.pdf)? If not then the plan should be rejected outright or we vastly increase the risk of including Woking onto the list of locations that will be 'slums of the future'.

Woking Borough Council should be bold and sign up to meet the Nationally Described space standard so that all new home developments in the borough must pass this test to be considered for planning consent this will protect all residents of future new homes that they have the necessary space to live in safety.