

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 Bounague

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 Fire safety risk

The tallest building in this development would be 41 stories high. Grenfell Tower was 23 floors high. Fire Services lacked the high rise rescue equipment to save the lives of so many in the upper part of this building. At the time Surrey Fire Service had the highest rescue aerial platform in Britain (42 meters), housed at Leatherhead, but during the Grenfell tragedy it was unable to reach the top 10 floors at Grenfell, to my knowledge since the tragedy only Hertfordshire and Humberside now have platforms taller, but only 3 meters taller (45 meters) - i.e. capable of reaching approx. 1-2 further floors. This proposal should not be considered without full investment in Woking Fire service to provide the staff and equipment critically essential to rescue people from these tall buildings.

ref: The building regs for fire safety (2019).