

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 929 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 37 storeys (including 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) (amended plans and reports received 13.11.2020).

Case Officer: Brooke Bougnague

Customer Details

Name: Mr John Summers

Address: 23 Vale Farm Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 6DE

Comment Details

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

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- High-over density of development
- Impact of development
- Out of Character

Comment: I write to express my concerns on this proposed development. As has been highlighted in comments here, the proposal is for a high number of apartment dwellings, which bring little to the development of Woking town centre and the work already done with Victoria Square, nor enhance the residential community of the local Goldsworth Road area. The height of the proposed blocks dwarfs local shops and homes and will cast a grey shadow over the local area, and detracts from the work achieved in Victoria Square.

The proposal seems to have little reference to a coordinated plan for the development of Woking, which should be aiming to create a town and community that is enjoyed by residents and attracts business and commerce. History has been witness to the negative social impact of the uncoordinated building of high rise tower blocks on inner cities. We live in a world of change; much of this we are unable to control, which is why it is vital to ensure the decisions we can control are informed and lasting.