

# 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 William Taplin

Address: 74 Sycamore Avenue, Woking, Surrey GU22 9FH

## Comment Details

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

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- High-over density of development
- Highway reasons - parking
- Impact of development
- Loss of privacy
- Overlooking
- Traffic Volume

Comment: I strongly object to the proposed development based on its height, over-density, lack of affordable housing, lack of required family homes and the increased strain on local infrastructure.

This development does not provide a sufficient level of affordable housing. While I do obviously support the homeless shelter aspect of the development, the need for affordable housing is absolutely essential and this proposal should clearly incorporate a much higher proportion.

Victoria Square has already set a new precedent in relation to the height of buildings in Woking that has changed the surrounding landscape forever. These skyscrapers can be seen from miles away and dominate the skyline in a negative way. This proposal will create an even larger concrete mess.

Finally the increased size and density will result in a larger strain placed on local medical practices

and schools which are already oversubscribed and roads that are impossible to use at peak times. Also the prolonged construction will affect local residents and commuters for an even longer amount of time than we have already had to endure.