

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 19/0646/FUL

Address: GreggsGould RoadTwickenhamTW2 6RT

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings (with retention of single dwelling) and redevelopment of the site to provide up to 116 residential units and 175sq.m commercial floorspace; landscaped areas; with associated parking and highways works and other works associated with the development.

Comments Made By

Name: Mr Ben Woolf

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: This development represents an obscene overdevelopment of a relatively small site. 116 dwellings with 5 storey buildings towering over the existing Victorian terraces is disproportionate to the surrounding area and will result in a loss of privacy for existing residents.

In addition, I raise the following objections:

The development is out of character for the surrounding area, the materials, style and scale of the buildings are out of keeping for with the existing 2 storey modest terraced Victorian houses.

The roads around the development allow for the passing of single vehicles and this development will result in a minimum of an additional 116 vehicle trying to access the site. There is no provision for visitor parking which will result in congestion in the surrounding areas. This is already evident on Sundays when there are no visitor parking restrictions in place.

Many of the properties on Gould Road have North facing gardens and the impact of a high rise development will have of loss of sunlight is significant.

The provision of recreational space of 160 m2 (with a further 250 m2 on semi-private roof terraces) falls well short of the recommended 1081 m2 for a development of this scale. The semi-private areas provide no benefit to existing residents.

The development provides no additional benefit for local residents to open spaces, the river crane or bridge links to the Twickenham Rough pathway.

The provision of a single parking space fir the business units on the site is insufficient and will result in vehicles parked in the already congested surrounding streets (as is already happening with the Crane Mews development).

The development will result in a minimum of 2 years of additional noise and disruption from the building and access required for heavy construction vehicles whose only access will be along the single lane Gould/Andover Road (due to the low bridge on Colne Road and the tight corner on Crane Road).

Whilst I are broadly supportive of the development of this site I are unable to support a scheme that represents a gross over-dense development that puts profits before the needs of the local area and its residents. I, therefore, ask that the council reject this application.

