

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

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I object to the currently proposed plans for the following reasons:

HIGH DENSITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT – the addition of 116 new residential units with an estimated 326 new residents including 108 children will put significant extra pressure on the already highly oversubscribed local schools.

ADEQUACY OF PARKING – the area has always struggled with parking for local residents, being regularly used by rugby spectators, commuters using the mainline station and also Heathrow. The recent introduction of a CPZ has eased this pressure but the introduction of 116 new residential units in such a small space with less than 1 car parking space per unit will undoubtedly add pressure to the already very busy roads and parking. I understand new residents will not initially be eligible for CPZ permits but what guarantees will be given that this will not change in the future? It will also not prevent residents of the new development from parking overnight in the CPZ when pressure for spaces is at its peak.

TRAFFIC GENERATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY – such a large development will significantly increase local traffic in what is an already very busy set of access only roads. Adding an entrance on the Crane Road / Gould Road junction will significantly increase traffic on these two roads which have a high population of children, increasing the risk of accidents.

OVERLOOKING AND LOSS OF PRIVACY – the vast majority of the surrounding residential properties are two story Victorian terraces. The introduction of a 5-story high rise apartment block will be completely out of character for the local area. This will dwarf local homes, overlook gardens and bedrooms and lead to a significant loss of privacy for local residents.

INADEQUACY OF PUBLICALLY ACCESSABLE OUTDOOR SPACE – for such a large development there is very little outdoor space and no benefit to the existing local residents.

Whilst I am not opposed to development of the site for residential use the current plans overdevelop the site and appear to put developers profits ahead of local residents' quality of living. I would encourage the development plans to be reassessed with reduced density, increased parking provisions and to be more in keeping with the local suburban area.