

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 22/2204/FUL

Address: St Clare Business Park And7 - 11 Windmill RoadHampton Hill

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 1no. mixed use building between three and five storeys plus basement in height, comprising 98no. residential flats (Class C3) and 1,172sq.m of commercial floorspace (Class E); 1no. three storey building comprising 893sq.m of commercial floorspace (Class E); 14no. residential houses (Class C3); and, associated access, external landscaping and car parking.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

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Presently parking is at a premium in the adjoining roads to the St Clare site. The area is predominantly made up of Victorian Terraces with only on-street parking. With NHG providing 93 parking spaces per dwelling (19 short), 12 for the commercial space plus 1 car club space, I can imagine at times there will be an overspill into the surrounding roads – mainly Holly Road and Windmill Road - causing frustration for the residents, old and new. I would like to note that 244 cycle spaces is quite excessive and unlikely to be used.

On a personal level, my house is one of five on Windmill Road, that has a single aspect that looks straight onto the St Clare site. Presently it is a benign view of the single storey roofs of units 2-6. If the proposal were to go ahead in its current form, my neighbours and I will be severely impacted by the sheer scale of the development.

Facing me and my neighbours would be the rear of the Northern Terrace - seven, thin, characterless, 3-storey houses, standing twice as high as the current buildings, each with 4 windows on the 2nd and 3rd floors over-looking our houses and gardens – that's 28 windows looking back at our 5 windows. This is only 20m away, window to window. NHG have used the bare minimum in space between established homes and their proposed buildings.

Behind the Northern Terrace rises the monumental 5-Storey block with yet more windows and protruding balconies.

The Commercial Building would loom to our East. The second floor is of double height (to incorporate a vaulted ceiling) which makes the overall height of this building unacceptably high. It has floor to ceiling windows and 15 sets of the 36 sets would look straight out over our houses, private gardens and pathway.

Our small terrace will be surrounded by over-sized buildings, our visual amenity will be ruined and we will have an unacceptable sense of enclosure.

I agree that the St Clare site is in need of redevelopment. The planners need to listen to the residents and really consider the dreadful harm (as described above and in the many other comments being submitted) that this proposal would have on Hampton Hill and its current occupants. NHG need to really consider the local environment that they are developing in and create something more in keeping and sympathetic to that area.