

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

Comment: 28th August 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: Proposed Development of St Clare's, Hampton Hill – Ref: 22/2204/FUL.

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the development of St. Clare's Business Park in Hampton Hill.

I live on Windmill Road and my house and garden back on to St Clare's. Whilst I am not opposed to the development in principle, I do object to the scale currently being proposed. In addition, there is also the frustration of finding that the new plans differ very little from the original ones, which were not approved. I raise the question as to why we are now reviewing plans, which have not taken on board any of the objections made the first time around?

My concerns are as follows:

The volume and height of the properties in the planned development will overpower the surrounding neighbourhood. The number of storeys is not in keeping with the majority of other buildings already in Hampton Hill and out of character with existing properties in the immediate vicinity.

The adjacent roads, being Windmill Road and Holly Road, are narrow and already congested with parked cars at the High Street end. There is also extra traffic in the early morning and mid afternoon, generated by parents driving their children to and from Hampton Hill Junior School. I gather vehicles will enter and exit the new development via Windmill Road and Holly Road and there will be no direct access to the High Street to help alleviate the additional traffic travelling into St Clare's. Navigating these two roads will become even more problematical if the traffic they are required to absorb, post development, is excessive. Traffic on Windmill Road has already been impacted during the last two years, since the Burtons Road scheme was implemented

The aspect from my property will be overshadowed by the close proximity and excessive height of the properties planned to go up to the side and at the rear of mine. They are higher than my own and the four other properties to the left. I believe they will encroach on my privacy and that of my neighbours, be overbearing and make my property, and those nearby, feel extremely enclosed. I already experience a lack of privacy from the development of what was formerly the Hampton Hill Library. These properties overlook my house and garden. Also, in the plans, the configuration of the drawing of my property (and the four to my left), appears to detail it as belonging to and being the rear of the property fronting Windmill

Road, when it is independently owned. It is not the back of a larger house but the front of a smaller one and it only has one aspect.

I would appreciate it if you would consider my concerns and reduce the scale of the proposed development for St Clare's and, therefore, the number of people and vehicles needing to access the area and, also, ensure that buildings are not situated too close to the outer perimeter, to maintain some privacy for St Clare's existing neighbours.

I am happy for the St Clare's site to be developed in a responsible manner and to a design sympathetic to the area of Hampton Hill, despite the noise and disruption (albeit temporary), I would live with due to living in close proximity. It certainly needs doing, as time has made parts of St. Clare's look very derelict. However, the area should not be overdeveloped and its design should not diminish the quality of life for Hampton Hill's existing residents.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Alison Barker
Resident of Windmill Road, Hampton Hill