

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: While I support the idea of building housing in the St Claires development and that this will bring more people and business into the local community which is a good thing I have some major concerns with the look of the development as Hampton hill has a very sweet character which is a large part of why I choose to live in the area and I would hate to see this ruined by a development that has not been thought about.

The height is another huge issue for me as the road it is on only has houses that are 2 or 2.5 stories high and a huge 5 story block in the middle will stick out like a sore thumb! Although the design of the buildings to the front of the development might complement the local area the 5 story block is not in keeping with the character of hampton hill at all and will ruin the whole victorian and Edwardian aesthetic of the surrounding areas which the locals are very proud of maintaining.

As hampton hill is classed as a village and has historical buildings including the old library and the old fire station is very close proximity to the development it would be completely out of place to have a modern looking development so close by with different colour bricks and building materials considering how well maintained the historical buildings have been kept. Therefore in my opinion the development will have a very negative impact on the local area as it does not respect the heritage of the area in any way.

My other main issue is with the height and scale of many of the buildings which will obstruct light to the gardens in the surrounding area causing once sunny gardens to be in shade and therefore reducing the value of the land and property. Alongside the loss of light will be the loss of privacy with windows and balconies at a high level which will be double the height of neighbouring houses. As a local teacher I am hugely worried by the safeguarding implications of the loss of privacy to local houses as I myself enjoy sunbathing in my back garden when the sun is out and I know the area is home to many young children who have the right to play and use paddling pools without fear of being watched or even potentially photographed in their own homes/ gardens when playing or using a paddling pool. As i am sure you are aware many young children may wander round their garden in just a nappy or underwear especially in hot weather which they have every right to do without risk to their safety. this goes against the Amenity and living conditions policy set out to protect people from being overlooked in their own homes.

In conclusion while I would support a development in the St Claires estate which could bring in business and community areas my main issue with the design of the proposal is the overall height of some of the buildings blocking light and removing privacy in the gardens especially as many residents have young children who play independently in their own gardens and may be in a state of undress in the summer using paddling pools or playing with water which poses a major safeguarding risk to these young children who have the right to privacy in their own homes and gardens. I am also

extremely worried that the design and height is not in keeping with the local character of the town and that the brickwork and building size and design is going to ruin the local heritage and character. I find the design unacceptable and cant support the design or building of this development overlooking my back garden.