

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: Having reviewed the most recently submitted plans, no obvious concessions have been made and there is nothing to suggest that the concerns and objections of local residents have been addressed or respected. I object to the newly proposed plans in their current state for the following reasons:

Traffic congestion - this is already at unprecedented levels since the road through Bushy Park has been closed to cars and the significant impact on congestion and pollution caused by restriction on Burtons Road forcing traffic down Windmill Road at peak times. Ward Councillors already recognise this a known issue. Furthermore, Hampton Hill High Street is grid-locked, daily at peak times.

Size of development - there is no evidence of a reduction in the number dwellings in the current plans and so the impact of increased population on local amenities and services (sewage, roads, parking, schools, healthcare) have not been addressed. Local schools are already full and have waiting lists.

Height of proposed flats - this is utterly out of keeping with the rest of Hampton Hill. There is no precedent for a block of this size in the neighbourhood (surround by houses on all sides) and this height will block morning and evening sunlight (year round) from surrounding properties, not to mention create an eyesore on the skyline of Hampton Hill.

Parking - there does not appear to be sufficient parking for the number of dwellings. Parking in the surrounding areas is already over capacity and residents of Wolsey Road and Holly Road often have to park in the adjoining streets.

Noise and Light pollution - it's extraordinary that a new development of this size should be considered so close to Bushy Park. This should be a haven of tranquility but the park is busier than ever with rare grasses and local wildlife already under threat from the recent increase in pet ownership, antisocial behaviour and growing litter problem. The additional light pollution the proposed development will undoubtedly cause will impact existing residents and further detract from the unique, peaceful attributes the local area is famous for.

There is already a surplus of empty commercial units across Hampton Hill. In the current macroeconomic climate there is no evidence to suggest these new units will be occupied. The high street alone already has a new commercial development that has laid empty for the last 2 years and the significant office development at the Holly Road end has been empty for much of the last decade.

The vast majority of local residents agree that the current plans are excessive, impractical and above all unsustainable. The site of St Clares area should to be developed to enhance and complement the local community not add to the

problems of congestion, pollution and mounting pressure on local services.