

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: I strongly oppose the new plans for St Clare Business Park.

The construction of Block 1, Block 2 and the Northern Terrace of this development would have a huge impact on mine and my neighbour's lives and our homes. We would have a huge loss of visual amenity in each direction, loss of light and privacy, a sense of over-bearing and a huge feeling of enclosure.

1. My house is a small 1 bed roomed, 1 aspect, terrace house that faces straight onto St Clare. Therefore, the front of my house (and my neighbours) would face the back of the Northern Terrace. Only 20m away, my house (and my neighbours), would be over looked by 7 characterless, 3 storey houses with a total of 28 boxy windows looking straight over our private gardens and homes.

I am disappointed that nothing has changed to the height, design and placement of these houses and that they still stand in front of the Library Mews block.

The Northern and Southern Terraces should be 2 storeys in height to reflect the houses that border them, not look down on us at such minimal distance.

2. My small house would also face the 3-5 storey building at the core of the site. Although, in parts, its bulky mass has been slightly reduced it would still tower above every other neighbouring building, including our terrace. With its pretruding, high level balconies overlooking its neighbours in every direction, there would be huge loss of privacy for many established homes as well as NHG's own terrace houses. Our visual amenity would be totally ruined.

The central block should be reduced further in size, mass and bulk to reflect the size of other properties Hampton Hill area.

3. To the East of my terrace house (and my neighbours) the tall Commercial Building would rise above many of its neighbouring one and two storey buildings - one being the old Fire Station, a BTM. Although it has been reduced by 3.1m and now described as two storey, it is only 1.2m shorter than the 3 storey houses and therefore still an over-sized building, not in keeping with the style of its surroundings and dominating Windmill Road.

This building should be reduced in height to reflect the other commercial and mainly residential buildings on Windmill Road.

4. Not only do I think the height, bulk and mass of this development is inappropriate for the Village of Hampton Hill but the style and design isn't in keeping with its mainly Victorian surroundings. These points contravene and runs rough shod over LP1 and LP2 of the Local Plan.

5. I am also concerned that Windmill Road and Holly Road, already very busy roads, would not cope with the added traffic that 200+ residents and many workers would add. It is already very difficult to drive down Windmill Road, where two cars can rarely pass one another. And Holly Road has pretty much a single lane between two sides of parked cars. The impact on the daily lives of the current residents would be immense whether you drive or not. New residents would find it frustrating trying to exit and enter the development via its particularly narrow entrances and onto Windmill Road or Holly Road. All in all, the site is too big for Hampton Hill's surrounding roads to swallow such an increase in traffic. The Councillors should arrange another, more up to date traffic and parking report. As an aside, each of the eleven houses in our small terrace has a parking space and in the 14 years that I have lived here this is the first time that all the spaces, bar one, is occupied. Traffic is increasing not decreasing. Continued...