

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: This must be the ultimate back garden development.

The proposal is to put 100 new dwellings plus new commercial space behind existing homes. It is an outrageously oversized development for a site with severely limited access.

With recent changes to traffic flow (Bushy Park through road closed, Burtons Rd traffic restrictions) there is increased pressure on the remaining unrestricted roads, which are at, or close to breaking point. Vehicles are regularly mounting the pavement on Windmill Rd to pass each other (even with school children on the pavements), and Windmill Rd, Holly Rd, and the High St are regularly gridlocked. This is known to all local residents, and I think that an additional 100 dwellings with commercial space and parking, accessed from undersized roads, would be a catastrophe. It would be a severe loss of amenity to local residents and business owners.

If this proposal is approved, I cannot see any benefit to the community, only disruption, loss of privacy, and a very high increase in demand for locally under resourced services (healthcare, education). The mass, scale and design, do not reflect the built environment in which it would rest, and it would contradict the heritage and conservation assets adjacent to the site.

I welcome considered redevelopment of the site, but this proposal seems ill thought out, has not truly taken on board the concerns of the residents, and barely gives a nod to the appeal inspectors report. A scheme that fits with the locality, without being a pastiche, would gain my support, but this scheme is inconsiderate. The only people to gain from this would be the developers. Imaging moving into one of the new dwellings, (or one of the new commercial units) and being very delayed when trying to get out, or into the development because the only access/egress is from undersized (and often gridlocked) roads. I wouldn't be happy. The potential problems for the new residents and occupants also need to be considered, when deciding on this application.

I will separately send my comments on the documents provided by the applicant.