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Application address: Jolly Boatman And Hampton Court Station Redevelopment Area, Hampton Court Way, East Molesey, KT8 9AE

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

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Comment: I am very concerned about the size of this proposed development. The buildings will be taller and not in keeping with the style of the surrounding area.

In terms of the number of people/families who will be permanently resident in this development, are new schools being built or new doctors' surgeries opening to meet the demands of these new Elmbridge residents? This is already an issue in the area.

Moreover, despite the fact that there is a train station right on the site, my feeling is that every household will have at least 1 car, if not 2. From looking at the plans, I do not feel that there is enough parking to accommodate all of these cars, plus cars owned by visitors staying at the hotel on site.

Is there any commuter parking at all? I could not find any reference to that in the plans. It is naive to think that everyone will walk to Hampton Court Station. Where I live in Thames Ditton, my road is becoming harder and harder to navigate due to commuters using the free parking in our road and others nearby. This will become a bigger and bigger problem if people who normally commute from Hampton Court station start driving to Thames Ditton to park and pick up the train here.

I fear that the plans for traffic entering and leaving the development is a serious accident waiting to happen. From the way I read the plans, there is a pedestrian crossing just at the slip road coming off the Hampton Court Way in front of the station. During morning and evening rush hours, when dozens of people at a time are crossing to enter the station, traffic will back up onto Hampton Court Bridge. The Hampton Court Way is only a single carriageway road, meaning that there is always traffic turning across the road. The development will lead to much more traffic joining an already too-congested road and accidents will happen.

I object to the plans for the development of this site.