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Application address: The Molesey Venture, Orchard Lane, East Molesey, KT8 0BN

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 10 Dec 2022

Comment: The proposed development is in a hugely important area from a wildlife perspective, with badgers, foxes, hedgehogs, squirrels, voles, mice and a multitude of birds including herons, kingfishers, robins, parakeets, thrushes, crows, finches, magpies, jays, woodpeckers and I'm sure many more. The proposed development covers a significant portion of green space which means the destruction of the habitats of the afore mentioned species which is very concerning.

Parking/congestion – even though there are only a few houses on Orchard Lane, it is very congested on many occasions

- not every house has off street parking
- no house has guest parking
- the houses on the new Orchard development do not have provision for guest parking so there is overspill
- People park there when walking their dogs on the fields
- Sunday is a nightmare due to those parking for football (plus those dog walking)
- And when there are events on at Imber Court it is also incredibly congested, often getting completely blocked

With regards to water & sewageincredible that James Walton, who has worked for Thames Water for just 3 years and lives in Rickmansworth has been asked for his opinion on such a significant development, adjacent to a river in an area he does not know at all. Having lived here for almost 20 years, every single time we have significant rainfall in this area, we are concerned about the flooding potential having 3 rivers - the River Mole, Thames and Ember - in very short proximity. We are also not on our own with having significant sewage issues, having to repeatedly call out drain specialists. There is no problem with our house, it's the network we join.

The proposed development is over developed, too large (bulk, mass, height) and way too intrusive. The visual impact is not to the new Orchard Lane development, it's the houses on Ember Farm Way which isn't particularly considered in the proposal. The noise, loss of light and 'sky' that these houses will have to endure is considerable and will enormously affect the ability for the existing residents to enjoy their homes.

And finally, we cannot keep building on every green space that we have in the area. I appreciate that there is a requirement to build new homes, but the area in which we live is incredibly over crowded, we are hemmed in by rivers and the bridges and the traffic is absolutely horrendous, not just at peak periods. It is constantly congested and short distances which should take 5-10 minutes, can regularly take 30mins which really affects our lives. This development, as well as the others to date and in plan, are just exacerbating the situation.