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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:** 28 Dec 2022

**Comment:** The proposed development site in a quiet, almost rural part of Molesey will have a number of negative environmental impacts on the neighbourhood & district. The area is currently an important green space & habitat - we should support more biodiversity & ecology not less in order to improve the environment for people & wildlife as part of a biodiversity net gain plan to support this important flood plain for the future. Elmbridge is already experiencing severe flooding problems due to heavier rainfall for longer periods & no doubt future generations will require the protection of this flood plain. Other negative impacts are as follows:

The impact of embodied carbon - building new homes on a flood plain will be detrimental & counter-intuitive to Elmbridge Council's declared Climate Emergency.

The sewer system & infrastructure in Elmbridge & in this particular area is already groaning with insufficient funding - blockages and flooding are frequent & a health risk.

Highway safety - pedestrians, cycles, vehicles, HGV etc current infrastructure of roads & pavements is poor with many roads in need of re-surfacing but not even receiving patch repairs. Congestion and air quality is an ever present concern - this development will only exacerbate this concern.

The construction of a 4 storey, 74 unit development on this flood plain will irretrievably change the character, environment, community and wellbeing of those families, individuals and small businesses who have already invested their time, skills, passion and commitment to making Orchard Lane and its surrounding environment a safe, private and quiet space for people and wildlife to thrive.