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

Name: Ms Rodger

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 15 Jan 2023

Comment: I strongly object to this proposed new development. It proposes a huge over-development of a very small site (cramming in as many properties as possible without any consideration for local infrastructure to support this) and is completely out of character with the surrounding area.

Orchard Lane is a cul de sac and at peak times already is full of parked cars, leaving no space at times for residents. The new development doesn't have enough allocated parking spaces or visitor parking, so this will inevitably spill out onto surrounding roads. There is a blind bend on Orchard Lane, which is already dangerous with the amount of parked cars and this would only become more dangerous with more traffic.

Lots of families live here and chose this as it is a quiet, tranquil place to live. I am very concerned about all the extra pollution and noise from the lorries during construction - it would be very disruptive and dangerous to have lorries coming up and down this road with the limited space available. This will then continue with all the additional cars once the development is complete.

There is a massive new council homes development on the same street (so the Orchard Lane residents have already had to endure 2-3 years of disruption when this was built) and there are constantly issues with parking spaces on the development which spill out to Orchard Lane. There are already major sewage problems on this street - this would be exacerbated by the new development.

It is also on the edge of a beautiful nature reserve, which kingfishers, herons, woodpeckers and bats inhabit. I would be very concerned about the impact of construction work on their habitats. Trees would have to be removed, further damaging the local environment. Also has the flood risk been assessed as the development backs right on to a local river? I would like to know if this meets all the environmental criteria?

The local infrastructure is very limited. The common is very wet and muddy through winter and not suitable for elderly residents to walk across. Bus routes are extremely limited. The local GP surgery has been voted one of the worst in the area and is already overwhelmed, so how will residents get their medical needs provided? Residents will be in their cars the whole time, adding to noise and air pollution. Also, what will happen to the current residents?

Overall, I am extremely concerned by the noise, light and air pollution of the proposed development and the impact on the local wildlife and environment. It is just too big a development for such a small area. I would propose a much more limited development, exclusively aimed at

helping the elderly and vulnerable residents who already live there, rather than trying to cram in as many homes as possible to an already oversaturated area. It is extremely disappointing proposal, that isnt well thought through and clearly has no concern for existing residents.