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Comment type: You object to the planning application

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Comment: The Planning Inspectorate allowed the development next door saying it would not materially affect the look of the area. This is completely wrong, travelling over Walton Bridge towards Walton there is a gaping hole being filled with bricks as the flats go up. If the next two properties are replaced in a similar way there will be a huge swathe of brick and concrete.

The development statement takes account of wildlife and current garden survey but not the true impact on destroying mature garden shrubs and trees. These gardens will never be replaced. The Government has recently reported how badly our nature is being served and declining, a direct result of stripping every space to the max.

These flats, unlike further along Oatlands Drive are at a lower level and impact the street scene far more, earlier developments are perched much higher and not at eye level.

Another vehicle entrance for 33 flats and parking, specifically near a major junction is a cause for concern. It was one of the major concerns levelled at the construction next door but went ahead. We now have the prospect of two busy entrances within yards of each other on top of the junction and junction of Ashley Close.

I cross from Ashley Close to the river and the island is constantly being hit as it's a dark spot, in fact, the keep left has been hit from Walton end and still missing after a couple of weeks. A further busy entrance near Ashley close and traffic turning left into Oatlands Drive from Shepperton is an accident waiting to happen. How Highways saw fit to approve beggars belief.

The council needs to make a stand against this development and preserve the aspect of the area close to what is supposed to be a public amenity- river walks and character of Oatlands, what's left of it.