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Application address: 16 Oatlands Drive, Weybridge, KT13 9JL

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 19 Feb 2023

Comment: The flat developments at the end of Oatlands Drive are wholly inappropriate for the location for the following reasons:

1. Road infrastructure will not be able to support further traffic. It is already gridlocked along this stretch of road for many hours per day due to Walton Bridge.
2. Lack of adequate parking for the number of flats and nonsensical belief in reliance on inadequate public transport. The tenants and owners will have to own cars, and they will park in Ashley Close which is already jammed full with cars that do not belong to residents. Please get this right upfront.
3. Not enough family homes, ie minimum of three bedrooms, are being built. 1 and 2 bed properties aren't needed.
4. The environmental impact to the green belt at Cowey Sale will be immense.

The developer is being greedy. Squeezing 33 flats in to plots that used to hold 2 houses is absurd. Please reduce the height and number of flats by 50% and ensure every flat has its own parking space, with additional visitor parking spaces included too. Building the blocks of flats 2 buildings deep shows their disregard for character and the environment. Existing blocks built further up Oatlands Drive towards Weybridge are single depth and more in keeping.

The developer has sneakily applied for each development separately along the road, but in reality, it's one large project which over powers the existing residential houses. It's not in keeping with the area and is far too dense. Please insist on further green spaces between the properties and behind the flats down to Cowey Sale so some existing character is retained.