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**Application number:** 2022/3796

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

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**Comment type:** You object to the planning application

**Date of comment:** 20 Feb 2023

**Comment:** My objections to this application are the same as those made to planning applications 2020/3223 and 2022/2118. They are:

- that they bring significant additional traffic to an already overburdened junction between Oatlands Drive/Walton Bridge/Bridge Street and New Zealand Avenue
- that any development that replaces a few two-storey houses with 4 and 5 storey blocks of flats inevitably corrodes both the aesthetics and the environment
- that the local infrastructure (utilities, drainage etc) will be further over-burdened. Some of these financed from water rates etc that should be spent on improving the present infrastructure
- that they add pollution from the additional traffic; there will be an inevitable loss of trees etc

This application simply adds at least 50% to all those previous objections. It is unacceptable that the developer proposes this massive expansion before we local residents have yet experienced the negative effects noted above which will arise from the initial development. The application should be refused and any consideration of any further planning application for additional development disallowed until at least two years of full occupancy of the currently permitted development have elapsed.

It should be noted that the Homebase site development in New Zealand Avenue is yet to commence – held up whilst two extra storeys are added to the original plan, apparently. It is alleged to bring less additional traffic than from a normal residential development. because there is, in my recollection, a limit on the number of cars per residence. This is likely to be flouted and so there will be even more pressure on on-street parking and an effect on traffic at the very junction mentioned in bullet 1 above. Another very good reason to defer consideration of this application until after the two years of full occupancy of 8-14 Oatlands Drive and of the Homebase development.

One has to wonder when all of Weybridge and Walton will be endless rows of blocks of flats surrounded by a permanent traffic jam.