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

Name: Mr Mulhern

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 22 Feb 2023

Comment: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the planning application for the development of 2 detached blocks comprising of 33 flats.

Planning details: with new vehicular access, associated parking, cycle storage, refuse storage, and amenity areas with hard and soft landscaping, and associated engineering and infrastructure works, following the demolition of existing houses.

As a resident of this area, I am deeply concerned about the proposed development and its potential impact on the local community. Firstly, the scale of the proposed development is far too large for the surrounding area, and the construction of two detached blocks comprising of 33 flats would result in an overdevelopment of the site, along with the current in build development of 51 flats and another application of 27 flats bringing a total of what was 8 dwellings to 111 within the same land mass which is not in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.

Moreover, the construction of these blocks would cause a significant increase in traffic and associated pollution in the area, which would result in congestion and safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Pollution been a great concern for us as a family with young children.

As an observation number 18 was only just redeveloped 7 years ago and is quite possibly the nicest looking modern house on Oatlands Drive. To demolish this property and make way for a characterless couple of blocks of flats would be upsetting to see.

Secondly, the proposed development would have a significant impact on the local environment. The construction of the two detached blocks and associated infrastructure would result in the loss of green space and trees, which are important for the local biodiversity and the wellbeing of residents. The proposed landscaping would not sufficiently replace the lost greenery, and the hard surfaces would contribute to the urban heat island effect, which would further impact the local environment and contribute to climate change.

Finally, the proposed development would result in a significant increase in the demand for local services, including schools, leisure facilities, public transport and already an over stretched healthcare system.

The existing infrastructure in the area is already very much under strain, and the proposed

development would exacerbate these issues, leading to a decline in the quality of life for local residents.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider this planning application and to take into account the concerns of local residents. The proposed development would have a significant negative impact on the local community and the environment, and it is not in the best interests of the area. Thank you for considering my objection.