

**Our reference:** COM489890977

**Application number:** 2022/3796

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

**Name:** Mr Lloyd

**Address:** 4 Ashley Close, Walton-On-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1BJ

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

**Date of comment:** 22 Feb 2023

**Comment:** The same developer has submitted plans for 2 further developments adjacent to their existing site at 8-14 Oatlands Drive (ref 2020/3223)

. Which was only given the go ahead on appeal after being turned down by our local authority. Making 3 separate applications seems to be a calculated ploy to get round local planning objections and to cynically disregard the expressed views of the local community!

As a resident of Ashley Close we already suffer the effects of workers from the current construction site parking in every available space possible. This makes access to our own drive often impossible and restricts access for our visitors and services. Once the first development is occupied this road will be the default overflow car park. If the other proposed developments are approved this will only exacerbate the situation.

Traffic, road safety, pollution, and parking issues are of utmost concern. In normal times the Walton end of Oatlands Drive is very heavily congested at peak hours, with long queues for the bridge or Walton town centre often extending as far as Weybridge. Any new access for so many vehicles so close to the busy junction near Walton Bridge will worsen this situation. It also presents issues for cars attempting to turn into the site, across the queues potentially blocking traffic heading towards Weybridge. As local residents we have witnessed many accidents on this section of Oatlands Drive. An almost daily occurrence is traffic from Weybridge resorting to the wrong side of Oatlands Drive near Ashley Close to reach the bridge traffic lights as the filter to the left on to the bridge is completely clogged up.

If all 3 of the developments proceed, what were 8 houses will be replaced by 111 flats. This will hugely increase in the potential number of vehicles vying for space locally.

The proposed density and design aesthetic of this development will be extremely detrimental and out of keeping with the surrounding area and it is for these reasons we strongly object to the proposed planning application.