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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

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Comment: > We urge Elmbridge Planning Department to reject this proposal. It is not a good design, but rather proposes a huge overdevelopment at this potential site

> If something is to be built here, it should be of a sympathetic design to the blocks currently under construction and surrounding houses, and have a density that allows for it to be further away from the pavement and junction, at a minimum of 10+ metres to match the blocks being built (which range from 9.7 to 13.6m off the pavement). This would allow for landscaping to minimise the impact on the street scene, and provide improved living conditions for future occupants.

> Once again, we would urge the Council to be consistent with their original ruling of 8-14 Oatlands Drive, and reject this application. The series of proposed developments at 8-14, 4-6 and shortly 16-18 Oatlands Drive would catastrophically change the nature of this part of Elmbridge from a family orientated neighbourhood, with lots of green space, to a serious of large, characterless blocks of flats with little or no outside amenity for residents.

> The impact on road safety will be significant given the traffic volume both entering and exiting these developments into the very busy Oatlands Drive and its immediate proximity to the Walton Bridge Traffic Lights. Moreover the road safety issue will be compounded with overspill parking across Oatlands Drive into and out of Ashley Close, an already congested road.

> If these developments are allowed to go ahead, the street will become a view like part of central London or Woking. The likelihood will be, in the near future, that this whole road will become tower blocks, as will the area of New Zealand Avenue between the junction and the town centre. This was not in the draft plan that Elmbridge had for Walton-on-Thames and is being foisted on us by developers, one application at a time.