

Our reference: COM490451662

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: 24 Feb 2023

Comment: This development (one of three by the developer) is again not a compatible design to adjacent houses in the road and nor does it appear to take into account the nearby listed buildings, but instead it overdevelops the plot. It is not in keeping with the current houses and will change the residential character of the area. The 3 separate applications have not even been set back one the building lines of those houses that are to be demolished to make way for these blocks of flats. Perhaps the developers are trying to line their pockets too by constructing so many dwellings on small plots!!

The junction of Oatlands Drive, New Zealand Avenue and Walton bridge has got busier and busier. If all THREE of these developments - this current application for Nos 16-18 along with Nos 8-14, 4-6 - go ahead and only SHARING ONE INGRESS/EGRESS, it will only add to more congestion as well as being dangerous. Has any thought been given to large vehicles such as Refuse Collectors entering the triple development? Those in the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol do not live in the area and cannot therefore monitor the heavy traffic that is often seen at this junction.

It appears too that the developers have not included sufficient Parking spaces i.e. one per dwelling. It is wishful thinking on their part that not all owners will have a car. It may be the case but other owners may have 2 cars per dwelling! So where will this overspill parking go. Oh, Ashley Close is just opposite, so they can park there! Our Close since the developers started the current development, has become more and more crowded with contractors' cars/vans and homeowners often find it difficult to park outside their own houses, let alone find a space for their visitors to park. This scenario coupled with those who drive to the Close and take their children to the playground or walk their dogs in Ashley Open Space has made the road very busy. We also get shoppers and office workers parking all day in the road. This is not a NIMBY complaint but more of a road safety concern.

I do hope Elmbridge BC will reconsider this planning application and cut down on the number of dwellings and insist that the developers include the necessary parking spaces.