

**Our reference:** COM490548990

**Application number:** 2022/3796

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

**Name:** Mr Phillips

**Address:** Park Cottage 16 Tower Grove, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 9LX

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

**Date of comment:** 24 Feb 2023

**Comment:** The current approach for the existing adjacent development, the proposed development and the nearby 2022/2118 does not take into account the need for parking spaces for visitors to the sites. In addition the details of transport do not indicate how occupants of the flats are able to get to Walton Station as there is no satisfactory public transport link. It is highly likely that the the occupants of the flats will need a vehicle if not two depending upon ages.

Whilst the local authority may wish to see a long term improvement in public transport current national evidence is that there is a reduction in bus services rather than an increase which is wholly understandable having regard to the other demands upon local authorities and the the lack of funds from Central Government. Thus it is highly probable that there will be insufficient linkage between the new development and Walton Station which the proposers have identified as a key part of the local transport system.

The only solution to the lack of parking spaces at the development will be parking in nearby streets including Tower Grove. As Tower Grove is a private road that will require the residents to engage a company to tow away unauthorised vehicles thereby incurring additional and what otherwise should be unnecessary cost.

Bearing in mind that the total development along the stretch of Oatlands Drive will be over 100 flats it would appear that a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment would be prudent particularly looking at carbon impact.

Whilst it is understood that there is a need for more intensive use of existing land this should be carried out without detriment to to the amenities of nearby properties and thus proper provision should be made for vehicular access including sufficient on site parking for visitors to the premises