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Application address: The Molesey Venture, Orchard Lane, East Molesey, KT8 0BN

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 13 Jun 2023

Comment: I object very strongly to this newly proposed development for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the sheer size and scale are completely out of character with Orchard Lane. We have already suffered with the weight of traffic from the Cala Homes development behind us and a large number of extra cars trying to get up and down Orchard Lane would cause a huge amount of additional problems.

Secondly, the environmental impact would be huge and character changing for the area. The EA report talks about flood risks, which is bad enough, but then there's the potentially even more devastating risk to the rich and vibrant bio-diversity we, as residents, support and want to protect.

Thirdly, this development is more dense than any other project that's been approved in recent times. We as residents of Orchard Lane know there needs to be new housing and we are supportive of that. But this development has a unit to hectare ratio that's unsustainable and damaging to the place we all call home. The very fact the developer has suggested an underground car park shows just how out of scale this is for the suggested site.

We only have one small road out to the main road and there is no scope and no possibility to change this, as the site is backed onto by houses and the river. A building so densely occupied it requires an underground car park can only, by its very nature, destroy the quality of life of the people who are already here, already deal with traffic problems and have already sat thru multiple years of Cala Homes' lorries and pile-drivers.

For these reasons - and more - I wish to clearly and loudly express my objection to this most damaging of applications.