

Our reference: COM527621788

Application number: 2022/3525

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

Name: Mr Thomas

Address: 107 Molesey Park Road, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 0JX

Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 28 Jun 2023

Comment: Subject: Objection to Proposed Housing Development: Strain on Services, Traffic Congestion, Environmental Impact, and Overdevelopment

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to Proposed Housing Development at [2022/3525] Orchard Lane, East Molesey KT8 0BN.

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development comprising a 4-storey, 74-unit building at the above address. While acknowledging the need for housing, I believe this development raises significant concerns that must be addressed before any approval is granted.

1. Strain on Failing Services:

Our community is already burdened with a failing sewer system that struggles to manage the current sewage discharge into our rivers and seas. The proposed development, with its substantial increase in population, will only exacerbate this issue. The water authorities (Thames Water, 14bn in debt) have not confirmed any plans to rectify this unacceptable situation, leaving us with no assurance that the strain on our failing services will be alleviated.

2. Traffic Congestion and Highway Safety:

The inevitable increase in traffic, parking, and congestion resulting from this development will have a detrimental impact on our already strained road infrastructure. The additional vehicles will not only worsen traffic flow but also compromise highway safety. The lack of adequate parking provisions within the proposed development will further exacerbate the problem, leading to increased on-street parking and further congestion.

3. Negative Impact on the Environment:

The proposed development will have a significant negative impact on the surrounding area, particularly on the green belt and riverside amenity. The destruction of trees and disruption to wildlife habitats will irreversibly harm the delicate balance of our local ecosystem. As responsible stewards of our environment, it is crucial to protect and preserve these natural resources for future generations.

4. Development on a Floodplain:

It has come to my attention that the proposed development is planned for a floodplain. Building on such vulnerable land poses a severe risk to both the future residents and the surrounding community. Given the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, constructing housing in a flood-prone area is not only ill-advised but also potentially dangerous.

5. Overdevelopment and High Density:

The proposed development represents an overdevelopment with high density, which is entirely out of character with the existing area. The excessive scale and density of the building will not only compromise the aesthetic appeal of the neighbourhood but also strain local resources and services beyond their capacity. This development fails to align with the surrounding architectural and environmental context, undermining the unique character of our community.

In light of the aforementioned concerns, I urge the Planning Department and City Council to carefully reconsider the approval of this housing development. It is imperative that the strain on our failing services, the potential traffic congestion, the negative environmental impact, the floodplain risks, and the overdevelopment concerns are thoroughly addressed before any decision is made.

I kindly request that my objection be taken into account during the decision-making process, and that I am kept informed of any further developments or public consultations regarding this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Thomas