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**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:** Oatlands Drive used to be a series of large houses each with a large drive probably with 1-2 cars. One by one these houses are being knocked down and replaced by blocks of flats each of which has at least one car attached and some more. Our Victorian road system cannot deal with the level of traffic generated by the increased number of cars. The roads are full of potholes which the council does not fix. The proximity to the river means that all traffic movement is restricted to the traffic that can be carried by the bridges crossing the Thames.

When work is done anywhere on the heavily used roads or there is traffic on the M25 the traffic stops and has nowhere else to go affecting public transport and air quality.

I work on Oatlands drive and regularly have to wait and wait for up to an hour for buses to get through the traffic or navigate the road works. My colleague has taken to walking from our office to and from Addlestone as the buses are unable to get through. This is ridiculous.

I have not heard about an increase in public expenditure on doctors, schools, roads, or other public services to match the constant increase in people and traffic caused by the replacement of houses with blocks of flats.

The pollution levels are high on Oatlands Drive because of this traffic build up.

The views along the Broadwater are dominated by blocks of flats above the Broadwater which used to be set back from the water but are now on the water's edge. This must surely have a negative impact on the Broadwater wild life.