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Application number: 2024/0189

Application address: Heath Buildings, High Street, Oxshott, Leatherhead, KT22 0JW

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 09 Mar 2024

Comment: The proposed development is still far too big for the surroundings and the loss of the pavement space outside the front of the building will make the high street feel even more claustrophobic.

Whilst I do not object to the redevelopment of the Heath Buildings, surely more thought needs to be given to a design that is sympathetic to its surroundings and which is not based solely on turning a profit, irrespective of the impact on the local community and the aesthetic of the village. Far from enhancing the area, the loss of pavement space, trees and light, not to mention the inevitable disruption from construction, would blight the area for a considerable period of time. We will become a dark, narrow and busy high street where no one will have the inclination or indeed space to stop and chat or browse the local shops. How exactly will that deliver economic benefits to the local community?