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**Application number:** 2024/0189

**Application address:** Heath Buildings High Street Oxshott Leatherhead Surrey KT22 0JP

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

**Date of comment:** 12 Mar 2024

**Comment:** Please consider the impact this redevelopment will have on the character of the local area and the impact on local businesses and residents. The increase in size of the proposed footprint will lead to a narrowed pavement and loss of communal space. The A244 through Oxshott is already a difficult road to walk alongside, narrowing the pavement space threatens the safety of pedestrians accessing the shops.

The overbearing nature of the proposed buildings impacts neighbour's privacy. Removal of the current unusual buildings to be replaced by the same generic new builds we so commonly see in Elmbridge diminishes local charm.

It would also be devastating to lose the old trees which will not survive excavation nor presence of heavy machinery.

It must be considered how the building work will be accomplished without significantly affecting local businesses and their usual trade, I received an email yesterday notifying me of the closure of one local independent restaurant due to these plans.

It cannot go unmentioned the huge effect that the increased traffic within the village will have - the builders and trades people, potential road closures for work and access - the A244 is already exceptionally busy and this redevelopment will surely make travel through the village even more difficult than it already is.