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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: 12 Mar 2024

Comment: The revised proposal to replace Heath Buildings does not entirely address the conditions of refusal of the first proposal by the local planning committee and so should not be approved.

In my opinion, the proposed building is still too high, albeit only in the central section. It would be better if it was no higher than the adjacent Braeside House. The building bulk and mass is still overwhelming. While parts of the ground floor have been trimmed back to the existing building line, the central entrance protrudes towards the street and there will be columns and overhanging first floors and above which will mean that the current feeling of a public square providing respite from the traffic along the busy high street will be lost. The overhang area will obviously look and feel like part of the building, not a public space.

I'm also concerned that neighbouring properties may be overlooked from the rear windows in the upper floors of the building and the terrace on the top floor with the glass balustrade.

I think a scaled down version of the proposal (building height no higher than Braeside House and entirely set back to the existing building line) would be a welcome addition to the High Street.