

Our reference: COM594775745

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: 12 Mar 2024

Comment: We continue to object to this planning application, on the grounds that we are concerned by the impact that this building will have on the neighbouring community.

1. The existing shops in Heath buildings are served by a rear car park; I note from the plans that the second part of this car park will be removed to create space for a ramp, leading to an underground basement with 10 parking spaces. Presumably these parking spaces will be allocated to the luxury flats within the building, and therefore the staff parking for the commercial units will be pushed onto the surrounding streets. I note that the first part of the car park will remain, but on a daily basis both first and second parts of this car park are full and there is spill over already into the surrounding streets. Oakshade Road and Silverdale Avenue do not have capacity to accommodate any further parking for staff and customers to the village and it is well established that staff do not use the pay and display public car park..

2. The encroachment of the building will mean less space for families to walk along the narrow pavements, and disruption from building works will mean months of chaos and unsafe travel through the village. We are already hugely disrupted by the building work by Wolesly Group on Oakshade road, where families are being pushed into the road due to closed pavements and endless construction vehicles, and the loss of a lovely green space for families to sit safely at the rear of the coffee house. The construction on the High Street will also mean traffic is diverted down Oakshade Road, past a primary school, and create a dangerous thoroughfare.

3. We are concerned that this planning application is effectively becoming a "popularity contest" - where the developer is asking for opinions from friends and colleagues who do not live in the local vicinity (including via the Clay hair salon customer database).