

**Our reference:** COM600816796

**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:** 29 Mar 2024

**Comment:** This is practically the exact same application to the one that was refused in December 23!! There are no material differences that would, or should, permit this to have a second hearing. Apart from the multiple reasons objectors put forward last time, all of which seem to have been completely ignored, the main problem with this scheme is its sheer size and mass. It is completely out of character with the High Street, and would dominate what is a very small centre of the village. Totally in favour of improving the current building, but this is not the answer. This would destroy the character of the village rather than enhance it. If there is any sense amongst Councillors that this should be approved, I strongly suggest that Elmbridge Council hold a proper consultation process, as this has become a very divisive issue in the community, and there is clearly very strong opposition to the development. There is also quite frankly, a huge amount of frustration that this application has come forward again so soon, with virtually no change from the last application that was turned down. Why does the developer feel so confident that they can get this through this time, against such strong opposition, without making any compromises or making any attempt to address local concerns? This is very strange! Maybe there are different rules that apply to this application/developer? Or maybe the rules don't apply to them? What other explanation can there be. I think the Councillors, particularly those on the Planning Committee should consider this very carefully. If they are truly in position to do what's in the best interest of the Community they serve, then the only decision is to vote against this development as they did just a few short months ago.