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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: 30 May 2024

Comment: Dear Planning Committee

Please reject this repeated planning application. It has taken up a ridiculous amount of our Council resources, our time and money: how many more repeated applications, with minimal changes, is the South Area Planning Committee going to have to entertain?

The reasons for rejection remain the same as before, as highlighted in my previous objections. However, these "minor" amendments are important, as they may precede a "retrospective planning application", which might introduce more significant changes.

1. The roofline for the third story has been increased in both height and width, this Addington the overall building mass and density of the development.

2. The technical changes to the windows are not detailed. Hopefully this does not mean the windows can change their function and become patio doors to Juliette balconies?

a). The "obscure glass" (HBL 02F) on the third floor, must remain exactly that: it must not become an opening window, or this will constitute a loss of privacy.

b). There are two "dummy windows" on drawing HBL 01G of May 2024, which were not on the previous drawing. These are North and South elevations, second floor. There must be an absolute guarantee that this does not become a functional window with these technical alterations requested in this additional application. Again, a loss of privacy issue.

3. The first floor terraces at the front of the building, now show glass balustrade to the front and side of the terrace. Again, this will constitute considerable loss of privacy to neighbouring properties. The side of the terrace must be floor to ceiling solid (brick) construction.

There has been little change to the overall development. This building remains too high, too wide, too deep, too bulky and totally wrong for the Oxshott Village High Street.

The loss of pavement will impact Oxshott residents and High Street users.

The increase in the number of dwellings, coupled with the eradication of shop-workers' parking spaces, will exasperate the car parking problems in Oakshade Road and Silverdale Avenue.

The excavation of a deep basement for car parking and bin storage will put at risk several trees nearby, as well as increasing the possibility of subsidence in neighbouring properties.

Heath Buildings are tired, and renovation or replacement is required. However, the scale of the proposed building is overbearing. The planning procedures for our council are there to protect the borough from building mistakes for future generations: please use these powers wisely and do not

be swayed by the developer's "economic" protestations.

This planning application has divided the community of Oxshott. The developers have made sophisticated visual presentations in the windows of the High Street shops. The use of the shop's customer data base for marketing support for this planning application is questionable. They have portrayed their own vision of Oxshott High Street, as though it were already a done deal. It is not!

There have been so many objections to this development, please read them carefully.

Please use your powers wisely, for the best interests of the community of Oxshott.