

Comments for Planning Application 129020/FO/2020

Application Summary

Application Number: 129020/FO/2020

Address: Oakley 188 Wilmslow Road Manchester M14 6LJ

Proposal: Erection of 1 no. 13 storey building and 1 no. part 4 and part 5 storey building to form purpose built student accommodation together with a single storey side and rear extension to the retained and refurbished Oakley Villa and conversion to form amenity and communal space together with associated landscaping, cycle parking, car parking and associated works following the demolition of existing office accommodation on the site

Case Officer: Robert Griffin

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have lived in Fallowfield all my life. I am against this development because there are way too many students in this area already. Students act quite immaturely a lot of the time because they are only 18 when they arrive. They behave like kids when drunk and tip bins over and sing and chant in the street on nights out. I often hear them from my room and even though I'm a deep sleeper they are so loud that they wake me.

For five years I worked in Manchester city centre and went to work by bus. The bus stop outside Oakley House by Owen's Park always had huge queues of students. I used to dread the bus stopping there as it would make the journey to work nearly an hour instead of 20 minutes when the students are not around. More students in Fallowfield will make the bus route even worse. The roads are in a poor state because of the heavy use of buses. It's the busiest bus route in Europe so I've heard. I do not cycle along Wilmslow Road because of the bus pollution and students walking out in the road without looking. I consider the cycle route dangerous. A student was killed a few years ago on this route, hit by a lorry.

I use Platt Fields park for the Park Run. I think having more students right next to the park will spoil the park for people who want a quiet walk. Often the park is full of students having BBQs and drinking. The mess left behind is really awful sometimes.

I also get sick of being handed drug cards when walking down the street. Cars sometimes approach me and try to hand me cards from the car window, they think I'm a student. Drug dealing

happens a lot now but mostly when the students are around.

I think we need more working people in the area to pay council tax but I don't think this development will free up student houses for families. First year students are the ones who would choose to live in this type of accommodation. 2nd and 3rd years students all want to live in shared houses. We have loads of them on our Avenue and they cause a lot of nuisance. The students next door have their TV on really loud and when they have their mates round we can't hear our own TV. They don't seem to realise how loud they are. House parties are also a problem, especially in the streets which are nearly all students. We need more families and working people in Fallowfield and definitely not more students.

I think this development should be refused and some flats or houses built on the site instead.