

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: Application ref: 129020/FO/2020

To whom it may concern,

I would like to object to the redevelopment of of the USDAW building on Wilmslow Road to form purpose built student accommodation.

We do not need any more students in Fallowfield. The university advertises Fallowfield as part of their campus, but it is not . The students behave as if they own Fallowfield and treat residents with disdain, indifference and disrespect. We are feeling the pressure of the imbalance in the numbers of students to residents. I know many families who have left the area out of desperation, even if they didn't really want to. I myself have suffered for ten years, as I live next door to an hmo. I am 73 years old and have lived in my house for more than 25 years and every year another seven tenants move in and it all starts again - I live on my own. Every year I have to go back to the landlord who never helps me, and to this day has never considered soundproofing his house until my daughter came back and saw what I was going through. He has never been held accountable for his tenants behaviour. And each time, I have to chase him, the agents and deal with the council. They cause the problems and we suffer in so many ways. Since the house was sold to a landlord, I have had nothing but trouble, stress and sleepless nights and I know the same thing will happen to the people who live near the site. Landlords, agents and developers don't care about us as they don't earn any money from us. They have never thought about the local community or even the students. We are all being exploited.

This redevelopment is the perfect opportunity to create something for everyone and especially for a part of the community that feels completely unheard and forgotten about by the council and the university. Why not turn this into some sort of community centre or housing for young families so we can try and change the area? It's the perfect area to do this as it's close to good schools, the park and had great links to the city centre. The Brow itself is the perfect place for this, but it has been overrun with students and there are only a handful of residents left who really care about their homes and the area. This is truly devastating. This transient community, landlords and tenants, don't treat the area or the residents around Platt Fields with the respect it deserves. This is evident from the state of the streets. They are a disgrace - litter everywhere, ugly extensions, unkempt gardens or ugly paved over ones, the alleys where the bins are kept are filthy and stink. I can only imagine another 425 students will make these problems a hundred times worse! We need help to change the community for the good! I dread to think what will further happen to our community if this goes ahead and it scares me for future generations.

I really hope you do the right thing with this project and I also really hope that you will begin to understand how unhappy our lives are that we feel like we're being pushed out of our homes. We need the right kind of change to make this community balanced once again.

Thank you for your time,

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