

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 wish to register my objection to the above planning application. As someone who spends a lot of time visiting family in the Fallowfield area, and enjoys making use of Platt Fields Park, the erection of this proposed development is hugely disconcerting, if not altogether surprising. It will serve to intensify an already well established trend of putting student interests ahead of those communities that have long called this part of Manchester home. Nobody would argue that the student population isn't an integral part of the community, but if this trend of catering solely to their needs continues unchecked, the longstanding, vibrant communities that have shared this space with them for decades will be wiped from the map. All that will be left will be identikit apartment blocks surrounded by cookie cutter chain stores. During term time there will be late nights and streets covered with litter, out of term time the area will become a ghost town. We see this happening already, but at least today there is still a community of long standing residents clinging on as a bulwark against the creeping blandness of commercialisation. This development would be another, likely fatal, blow to that community.

As an Irishman who has lived in London for over a decade, I have all too often witnessed the decimation of local communities due to gentrification and watched as neighbourhoods have been buffed and polished out of existence. I would hate to see this destructive London trend metastasize to Manchester. Manchester is such a special place because it is filled with people who love to call it home, or put more succinctly - Mancunians. The students will come and go - the vast majority will reside in Manchester temporarily, but it won't be their home. To continue to put their collective needs above those who are proud to call Manchester home, would be not only be a

dereliction of duty, but would be extremely un-Mancunian.