Comments for Planning Application 142652/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 142652/FO/2025
Address: Chorlton Square Shopping Centre Barlow Moor Road Manchester M21 9AQ
Proposal: Erection of 6 no. residential buildings of 10, 8, 6 and 4 storeys in height to provide up to 262 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) with ground floor commercial uses (Use Class E (a-e)); infrastructure works including electric substation and associated utilities works, basement and ground level car parking, service yard, vehicular and pedestrian accesses; together with public realm works and hard/soft landscaping following the demolition of the existing buildings and structures on 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 object to the proposed plans for redevelopment of Chorlton Shopping Precinct for the following reasons:
1) The proposed structures are far too tall and will, literally, tower over the rest of Chorlton. They will look ridiculously out of place.
2) The design is abysmal and looks more like a university residence block. Brick red? Really? Is that someone's idea of vernacular architecture? I though we had seen the back of this kind of awful design back in the seventies.
3) Chorlton is already rammed with cars and, even if there is supposed to be adequate parking, the cars will still use the roads that are already compromised by bike lanes and bus islands leading to slow traffic and massive amounts of pollution.
4) where are the additional health services going to come from? - already we can't get to see a "proper" doctor anymore and have to settle for "physician associates" with two years of medical training. Already Chorlton Health Centre has closed one of its buildings and is introducing an AI app to triage patients - i.e. put another barrier between people and their doctors. As for dentists, well you can forget that altogether.
5) The cost of the units will lead to a class of people that prefers restaurants and bars to proper shops; an ongoing problem in the "gentrification" of Chorlton.
6) I am going to repeat item 2. It is the ugliest development I have ever seen - without exaggeration.

This development embodies exactly why people have had enough of being second class citizens in the villages they were born in or have lived here for decades. Chorlton for the incomers. The authorities are going to pay for this kind of thing at the ballot box.

Thank you for your time if you have read this. Thanks to the AI app if you haven't.