

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 4 main objections:

1. Its too big. 10 storeys will tower over everything else in Chorlton. No other building in Chorlton has ever been this high, and it will appear disproportionate to the rest of the village.
2. Its unambitious. If we really have to have enormous buildings like this then lets have them as iconic stand-out landmarks, not ugly reddish brown prison-like blocks which will look awful in 10 years time after the contractors are long gone (I note there is no commentary anywhere on the longevity of materials and what they look like after a decade; remember the Crescents?) There is some really innovative design going on in blocks in the City Centre, which have a "wow" factor and which attract visitors to the area just to look at them. Let's be serious about regen in Chorlton and emulate excellent practice from elsewhere in the City?
3. Green space is minimal. Linear park means slightly wider bit of verge along the side of the main road, and won't be safe space for kids to run around in. Green space to the rear is too small for the volume of residents of the proposed housing.
4. I think this design has changed significantly from that consulted on, which raises questions as to the validity of the consultation.