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 have written before, but wanted to add something about the aesthetics of the design. Chorlton is a desirable neighbourhood for people to live in and visit. It deserves a very good looking development. I previously commented on the use of yellow bricks, suggesting that red brick is more appropriate for the area. But, now I've seen drawings, I'm thinking that red brick on a high rise building will be dark and heavy, and block light. The main problem is the use of multi storey buildings in the village / town centre. I object to there being buildings this high there. Ten stories is enormous! And even four stories for the front of the development along Barlow moor road will be huge and ugly. I'm sure a good architect could come up with something better looking than this. Maybe red brick at ground level, then light blue rendering at second or third? With some art and craft / Edwardian features?

I think the plans include some trees but I think some of the existing mature trees will be lost. What about green walls? Make it nature friendly, with bird boxes, swift bricks, bat boxes, and as much green space as possible.

Parking is going to inadequate, I don't know what the rules are on this but if you're just planning for residents car parking that won't be enough. People come to Chorlton to shop at shops nowhere else, like Unicorn, they come from all over Greater Manchester and stay for lunch in our lovely cafes. They don't / won't travel by tram when they are shopping. Parking on all our residential roads is already crazy as people use Chorlton roads as park and ride into town. This development

could worsen an already challenging situation.

This high density plan for six large blocks is inappropriate for the area. We should be looking at high quality not high quantity. At lower rise, green, beautiful, that will enhance chorlton and give it the attractive centre it deserves.

Please re think!