

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 am concerned that the current proposal for Chorlton Centre is very different from the one on which residents were widely consulted in, I think, the summer of 2023 (I cannot recall the exact dates) Homes throughout Chorlton were leafleted with proposals that detailed a variety of low rise housing, a range of retail outlets and associated landscaping. We were encouraged to respond, which I did, wherein I asked about accessible housing and parking. As a result of this consultation, the impression was given that work would start fairly soon and this was reinforced by the retail outlets being closed down and boarding going up around the site.

And thennothing happened! Local residents have looked on in puzzlement and increasing anger for the past two years, as what was once a thriving centre has become like a ghost town. Many people feel that the heart has gone from Chorlton. And then suddenly we are made aware that a new proposal for high rise properties is being promoted, which may include shops, but which will certainly increase traffic, but most importantly put increasing strain on the local infrastructure, such as schools, medical centres and transport facilities. Can we be assured that adequate provision will be made for these extra pressures?

My final comment is that high rise buildings will compromise the local architectural aesthetic which exists, of a mixture of low rise and more modern properties that have combined to make Chorlton the popular suburb that it is.

I hope you will take into account the above comments when making your decision. Thank you.