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:Dear Sirs /Madams,

I would like to strongly object to the proposed development 142652/FO/2025 for the following reasons:

In my opinion, the public has been misled. This development was initially promised to the residents of Chorlton as an opportunity to redevelop and refresh the outdated and rundown town centre and precinct. However, the actual plans are to simply and cynically demolish the precinct and car park and replace them with five multi-story tower blocks.

The tower blocks are far too tall, more than three times higher than the surrounding buildings. The design and brickwork do not conform to the local architectural style. None of the other surrounding communities in the area have buildings this tall.

There are no houses included, only flats (presumably to maximise profits), so the new development will not attract families or people who will want to remain in the area for a long period and become a permanent part of the local community.

It appears that all public spaces and areas of public access have been removed.

The closure of the shops in the precinct has been a significant concern. These were viable businesses that were a valuable asset to the local community. Notably, Quality Save provided not only essential items and groceries but also a wide range of products that were not available elsewhere in Chorlton. Its offerings included firewood, gardening supplies, children's toys, and clothing. Consequently, I would now need to travel to Stretford to purchase most of these items. This transformation has rendered the centre less accessible and encourages excessive car usage, which contradicts the initial promises made. Even more insulting to local residents was allowing the closing down of the precinct and shops before planning permission had even been given. We have now been without them for 18 months for absolutely no gain. None of the proposed new shop units appear to be able to house or replace the businesses that have been lost.

I am now strongly in opposition to this development and do not have any faith or confidence that it is being pursued in good faith or with any consideration for the neighbourhood. It is sadly another greedy and cynical attempt to capitalise on Chorlton's land prices by overdeveloping at the expense of the local character and community.
The most desirable outcome in this situation would be for the development to be denied and Chorlton Centre to revert to its original state, despite its deteriorated condition.