

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: Objection to Proposed High-Rise Development on the Former Chorlton Precinct Site

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of six high-rise buildings on the site of the former Chorlton precinct, directly opposite my home.

This land was once home to a small but vital shopping centre, filled with independent local businesses and affordable shops like Quality Save. These businesses were shut down with the promise of regeneration - yet nothing has been built. The site has remained empty for two years, while the local community has lost valuable services and character.

Now the plan is to replace it with 262 flats in six high-rise blocks. This is completely out of keeping with the area and raises serious concerns.

My key objections are as follows:

- Loss of local services: Chorlton already has very few affordable shops and no longer has a central retail hub. Local people lost their livelihoods, and the community lost its heart, all for a development that never happened.
- Severe lack of parking: Chorlton already suffers from serious parking issues. There is virtually no available parking for residents, visitors, or workers. Where exactly are the residents of these 262 new flats expected to park? It's completely unsustainable.

- Overcrowding and poor infrastructure: Public transport is already stretched, and the roads are congested. Adding hundreds of new residents without serious investment in infrastructure will only make things worse.
- Unsuitable design for the area: Six high-rise buildings are completely out of character with the rest of Chorlton, which is made up mostly of houses and low-rise buildings. This will damage the area's look, feel, and liveability.

This development feels like it's being imposed on Chorlton without regard for what the area actually needs. We don't need soulless towers. We need practical redevelopment that restores lost amenities, supports local businesses, and puts residents first.

I urge you to reject this proposal and demand something better for our community.