

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: This is an utterly disappointing proposal. The inclusion of minimal retail space will only result in lifeless, inactive frontages. The existing shops, while admittedly in poor condition, served as the social and commercial core of the neighbourhood - regularly used and valued by local residents. A more thoughtful approach would have been to renovate and modernise these spaces, enhancing retail capacity rather than erasing it.

To make matters worse, there is already a lack of parking in the area, yet this scheme plans to increase the number of residents while reducing available parking - a move that will undoubtedly degrade, not improve, quality of life in Chorlton.

The proposed buildings fail to respect or complement the surrounding context. Their scale is excessive for the neighbourhood, and the architecture is, frankly, subpar - well below the standard expected in such a prominent and much-loved part of Chorlton.