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 made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Comment Reasons:
Comment:While I strongly support the principle of residential development and creating density in this area I am disappointed that the scheme no longer includes desperately needed family houses. Family houses with private outside space are needed in this area across all tenures (but especially social housing) and a flat only development will not address this need. I note that 3 bedroom flats are included but these do not truly meet the needs of families with children and we can see from other areas of the city that the market for 2 & 3 bedroom flats is predominantly as shared accomodation so meeting the same market need as 1 bedroom flats (but for people who cannot independently afford a 1 bedroom home). This misses the opportunity to create a genuinely mixed community on this site - which would be a much more self sustaining community over the long term. The mix and diversity of Chorlton communities is part of what keeps it an attractive area and I am concerned that this development potentially undermines that long term stewardship.

There is also a missed opportunity to create some shop frontages along Barlow Moor Road which would add to the walkability and feeling of safety of this area and provide opportunities for local businesses to serve the new development and the wider local economy.