

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: Whilst I agree that there is a need to develop housing and retail on this site I object to these plans on the following basis:

1: There is insufficient consideration for parking for non-residents. This development removes Chorlton's main public car park. Parking is essential for the local economy, despite there no longer being a shopping centre the car park remains well used. Yesterday (Sat) the car park was over 50% full. Restaurants and retail in Chorlton rely on visitors parking, Croma for example is closing (due to making a loss i understand) and that's with parking to accommodate visitors. All local centres (Didsbury, West Didsbury, Stretford, Sale) have parking available.

The lack of parking will harm Chorlton and the viability of its businesses.

Those that do still visit will clog up residential streets and the numerous staff and visitors who use the Health Centre also require parking.

2: Housing mix - the initial consultation included houses as well as flats - it appears that there are now only flats. There should be a balance of housing choices including for those e.g. families.

3: Retail mix - the old shopping centre was neglected for years and its impending closure meant there was no incentive for businesses to invest - the plans do not replace retail capacity and there is no large unit per the previous Quality Save.

4: Height of blocks - using the existing block as the benchmark for height is not really appropriate. There are too many high blocks in this development that are not in keeping with the surrounds