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:I strongly object to the proposed removal of a civic centre in Chorlton. The current plans fail to provide adequate space for shops, community facilities, and public gathering areas-features that are essential for fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable neighbourhood.

Chorlton has long lacked a cohesive civic hub, and this proposal represents a missed opportunity to correct that. Instead, it further erodes the area's capacity to serve its residents. When compared with other suburban centres such as Sale, Urmston, Stretford, and Didsbury-each of which has invested in developing strong civic centres-Chorlton risks falling even further behind in offering spaces for social, cultural, and economic activity.

In addition, I am deeply concerned about the scale of the proposed residential development, particularly the inclusion of a 10-storey building. This height is wholly out of keeping with the existing character of Chorlton, which is predominantly made up of low- to mid-rise buildings. Introducing a high-rise of this scale will significantly alter the visual and social character of the area. Moreover, the increase in population density that would result from such a large development raises serious questions about local infrastructure and public services.

Chorlton should be developed in a way that respects its character and meets the real needs of its community-not simply through high-density housing, but with a balanced approach that includes retail, cultural, and community spaces. This proposal does not achieve that balance and should be

reconsidered.