

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 wish to strongly object to this proposed development. It's completely out of character with the area and follows a pattern we've already seen far too much of in Manchester - huge, generic blocks that strip away any individuality and end up looking more like prisons than homes.

There seems to be little thought given to the people who already live here. Local services like dentists, doctors, schools, and even parking are already stretched thin. Adding a large number of new residents will only make things worse, and I see no realistic plan to address this.

What's even more frustrating is that we're still dealing with the massive development at the old leisure centre site - a hulking structure that's already changed the landscape for good. It looms over the area and has completely ruined the view for a number of long-time residents. To propose another set of tall buildings nearby just feels like overkill.

The sheer height of this new proposal seems entirely driven by squeezing in as many units as possible, with zero consideration for the surrounding roads or buildings. These towers will block light, dominate the skyline, and create a real sense of overcrowding in a space that simply isn't built for it.

As for the so-called "green space" in the plans - a few decorative shrubs don't make this development any less harsh or overbearing. They rarely remain well kept in other developments

beyond the first few months of completion. It's a thin attempt to make the design look more acceptable, but it doesn't change what this is: an oversized, inappropriate build that doesn't fit the area.

I urge the council to reject this proposal. It's wrong for the location, wrong for the community, and it sets a terrible precedent for the future of the Chorlton.