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 object to this planning permission proposal regarding the redevelopment of Chorlton precinct.

Chorlton precinct, whilst dated, provided a sense of community for many Chorlton residents, as well as businesses which offered value, where customers could buy affordable goods. It was an area which helped our community and the current plans do not seem to offer benefits to our neighbourhood.

The proposals are dramatically different to those which I previously saw and which were widely circulated. The original proposals, in which houses, including social housing, were prominent. The new proposals consist of huge multi story blocks, which is a stark difference to what I previously saw and in no way fit in with local housing stock. They resemble a low grade mini Deansgate Square plonked in the centre of Chorlton - it is cynical and vulgar over development and would be a huge strain on local infrastructure.

Chorlton has already had major changes forced upon it, with little regard for local residents. The loss of the leisure centre, to make way for more flats, the cycle lanes, which as a cyclist I do use frequently (and actually feel less safe in since built) have been built at the expense of local residents and businesses - it is already impossible for visitors and many residents to park in

Chorlton as it is. The introduction of many more residents, whilst actually removing a car park, will have a dramatic effect on both traffic and worse what is already a dire parking situation.

Retail was pushed at the heart of these new plans, to replace an existing shopping precinct, but that is substantially smaller than we originally saw, it is also hard to see how in reality social housing will be a consideration, we are all aware of how those promises can be reduced to virtually nothing in reality.

In short, I object to the proposals due to a lack of consideration on the effect on local residents as well as visitors, the reduction in social housing, the reduction in retail outlets, the effect on traffic and parking and the jarring architectural style with its surroundings. It is hard to see this as much more than a cynical stab at forcing overpriced small dwellings on Chorlton, now the city centre has been completely over developed, with less usable sites and it is very unwelcome here.