

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: I would like to emphasise that I was enthusiastic about the prospect of the precinct be redeveloped and more housing along with green, community and retail spaces, responded as such in consultation surveys we were sent prior to the planning. Chorlton is a friendly diverse and creative community and the precinct is a space ripe for growing that community. The initial proposals we then received through the post promised houses, green space, parking solutions and a single block of flats in the space that there is already a high rise building.

However the current iteration of the proposal barely recognisable from this and is quite simply ridiculous. This plan looks like it has been designed with the city centre in mind, not the leafy suburb of Chorlton. The high rise building looming immediately above the shops will cast shadows over the streets and surroundings whilst dominating the landscape. There are multiple flat blocks with the apparently idea of squeezing as many properties into the space as physically possible presumably to generate profit. There will not be a diversity of property within these plans to cater for all, particularly families. 262 flats is a massive number, and that means a MINIMUM of 262 additional cars. There is no clear explanation for where they will all be parked and the traffic flow in the area will be horrendous with that many additional cars coming in and out of such a small space. Not only will this place a massive burden on the neighbouring roads but given that the site is opposite a primary school the pollution from that many additional and idling cars stuck in traffic will cause real harm to hundreds of children, not just those living in surrounding streets.

Additionally those seeking medical help from the medical centre will likely face delays and struggle to be able to access services as parking is already limited in the area.

I am really disappointed in these plans that do not seem at all focused on creating a diverse range of homes to meet the needs of people, and have not replicated the core principles of green spaces, small community feel and sensible planning.

I strongly oppose the suggested plans.