

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: This development appears to have been modified greatly since the plans were first published. The last information, posted from the council, was that this development would consist jointly of flats, green areas, and retail opportunities. The number of flat towers was no more than two if I remember rightly. Much was being made of the intention to provide social housing. The creation of new green spaces was also a feature.

The letter I've received today was therefore a huge surprise. 6 towers, 5 of which are between 6 and 10 storeys high. No social housing. Only 12 retail units. A green space which appears to be little more than a row of trees between Barlow Moor Road and Blocks A and B.

This development has been delayed substantially. Building should have already been underway according to the last published timescale. Don't forget we've already lost businesses from the shopping centre including Frosts butchers. Now we have news after a year of silence and it's not good. Clearly the development has been changed to be more attractive to developers at the expense of what is right for Chorlton, its businesses, and its residents. The original concerns, that residents who overwhelmingly rely on off-street parking will find it impossible to park, and loved ones visiting them will find it impossible, that local businesses will struggle to attract visitors from outside Chorlton who are not able to use public transport, and that retail spaces will be far fewer in number, and that these businesses, such an intrinsic part of what makes Chorlton a special place to live, will eventually have to close - all these concerns are compounded by the new direction this

development has taken. You will end up with a collection of dark towers looking out over a cookie-cutter town like any other, dominated by costa, tesco, and chicken shops. Meanwhile those residents left behind will be able to trace the decline of their town to this development, and to the decisions you and your fellow councilors made, all in the name of money.

There is still time. Please reject this application, and put the needs of local residents and independent businesses back at the heart of this development.