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 would like to register a strong objection to the proposed redevelopment plans for Chorlton town centre.

The scale and scope of the current proposal appear to far exceed what was initially understood or discussed within the community. It raises serious questions about whether this was always the intended plan, or if the original scope has quietly expanded without adequate consultation or transparency.

Chorlton is in desperate need of diverse, accessible spaces that genuinely serve the local community - not just in terms of housing, but in retail, recreation, and social cohesion. We've long needed more for children and families, more local businesses, and more spaces that foster genuine community activity. What we're being offered is an overwhelming quantity of residential flats, paired with a token gesture towards retail - small units that will likely be priced out of reach for any independent trader.

This is particularly painful following the loss of the old precinct. While it was dated in structure, it offered a critical lifeline for local retailers and served as an active, human-scale hub that encouraged people to shop locally and interact. With its removal, we've already lost a key part of Chorlton's character.

The new proposal risks deepening that loss. The promise of "new shops" rings hollow when we know these units will be unaffordable to the kinds of independent, community-rooted businesses that define Chorlton. What we're likely to see instead is another row of identikit chains, if anything at all - or worse, empty units waiting years to be filled.

Even large value retailers like Quality Save, which many in the community relied on, are now absent. We're left with just one supermarket of scale, Morrisons - hardly reflective of the needs or character of a vibrant local population.

Many of us feel disheartened and disempowered. There's a growing sense that despite public input, objections will be disregarded and the development will go ahead regardless of community voice. If that's the case, then this isn't planning - it's steamrolling.

We urge you to reconsider. Not just the aesthetics of the buildings, but the entire philosophy behind this scheme. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the heart of Chorlton. Please do not waste it by delivering something soulless, overbearing, and disconnected from the people who actually live here.