

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: The proposed development shows no regard for the existing residents of Chorlton. The red brick towers show no sympathy for the existing buildings and resemble more our city centre than the centre of a small community. The so called 'bay windows' are a very simplistic and poor imitation of existing bay window structures which are always accompanied by gables. We certainly do not need flat roofed tower blocks. The community impact document states 'Many respondents felt that there should be sufficient free parking available on site.' The removal of the car park and the proposed number of parking spaces will not provide for the number of occupants and is already causing chaos on the surrounding residential roads.

'Protect or prioritise the existing traders in the shopping centre was also common as well as offering affordable rates.' states the document.

The loss of 20 retail units in the shopping centre with no plans at all to protect or prioritise the existing traders has forced residents of Chorlton to drive to other town centres to shop and with plans for only six independent retail units this means that the days of family shopping in Chorlton are over. There is no affordable shopping and nowhere to park anymore. What used to be a safe, family friendly off-road retail space has been taken away from us. The idea that it can be replaced by a linear park (grass verge in plain English) as suggested in one of the open meetings is patronising to say the least. For the existing residents of Chorlton this development will have no benefits whatsoever and falls far short of compensating us for what we have already lost.

This development discriminates against elderly and disabled residents who used to be able to park outside the shopping centre and health centre. It discriminates against families who could walk

around the centre safe from the surrounding roads which will now be even busier and more hazardous.