

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 object to the plan because:

1) The buildings are too tall and massive and bulky and are not at all in keeping with the character, past or present, of Chorlton.

They are totally unsympathetic to the function of a suburb which is to provide respite from urban living for those who want to escape this. A total eyesore for everyone coming home to or visiting Chorlton.

2) It will be overcrowded as there are too many dwellings for a small space and does not support any ambition to keep Chorlton's character as a suburb and the positive aspects associated with being one.

3) Insufficient parking - it is unrealistic and irresponsible to knowingly provide over 200 dwellings (approximately 500 people) with 160 parking spaces in an area where parking is already a huge problem.

4) The plan because it does not replace a much needed pedestrianised retail space which is safe and accessible to residents and visitors alike. The roadside shops do not meet the needs of diverse groups, there should be 100% level access to shops and other areas. The development has not replaced the much needed facility of vehicle free retail spaces that is safe for people who want to shop and relax away from traffic and noise; it does not provide a retail offer fully accessible to people with physical disabilities and sensory needs, older people and the very young and their carers.

5) Buildings this tall and in this bulk in the centre of the town will kill Chorlton - it will put people off

visiting during the day because it is oppressive.

6) There are insufficient retail units with a large enough floor space to attract significant reinvestment from businesses that will benefit the local economy and help rebuild Chorltons day time economy. We need retail spaces large enough to attract shops with pulling power- Home bargains; a good shoe shop; another butchers and a good quality greengrocers and gift shops as well.

7) It is unfair treatment- no other suburb has been made to accept huge bulky redbrick block of flats in the heart of their centre instead of sympathetic shared shops and low rise flats above.