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:While I recognise the need for this site to be developed, and that this should include some housing to meet demand, I object to the nature of this development, particularly the height.

Chorlton is a local suburb of Manchester and the shopping centre was a key part of the provision of retail that my family used weekly. To rebuild this site with such tall buildings would damage the community nature of the centre and cause damage to the visual aspect of the suburban locality. Although the developers state that they used Graham House as a guide, this is a building that is set back from the road and as such has minimal visual impact at street level. 8 and 10 storey buildings will significantly change the overall design of Chorlton centre and introduce more imposing 'city centre' type design.

It appears that the applicant has prioritised volume of domestic dwellings over retail use, and this is a mistake that undermines the value that Chorlton has as a local shopping area with local businesses.