

Comments for Planning Application APP/18/00234

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/18/00234

Address: Wellington Way, Waterloooville

Proposal: Demolition of existing shopping parade and redevelopment of the site to provide a nine storey building consisting of 264 No. 1 bed/studio build to rent apartments and associated amenity facilities, an A2 unit (Financial and Professional Services) together with associated parking and landscaping

Case Officer: David Eaves

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultation modified

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I attended the presentation event at Waterloooville, and was able to view the developer's presentation. I agree that it is important that Waterloooville centre is redeveloped - the empty shops are a sad reflection of what used to be there, and I fully understand the need to supply housing for our increasing population.

Nine stories is simply too high. The development is at the highest point in the town, and will dominate the skyline all around. As usual profit appears to come before anything else. The development is proposed for single dwelling units. Lets be under no illusion. The development will be a target for drug dealers / county lines organised crime groups and pop up brothels / sex traffickers. Waterloooville will not regenerate as a result. The only positive about it is its right opposite the Police station, although with recent budget cuts, that probably won't be a deterrent.

If the development was more up-market, for example similar to the development at the old Curzon room site it would have more chance of attracting fully employed professionals who value the benefits of living in a town environment with, hopefully, more / better leisure facilities being proposed. However, the recent proliferation of betting shops / charity shops / nail bars etc is not helping. [REDACTED]

The biggest detraction for this development is its sheer size. Car parking being provided next door is of course important, but 3 stories? Really? Its hard to justify paying to park in Waterloooville, given the lack of attractive shops. Has anyone done a survey about how long people actually spend in Waterloooville, there is simply not enough there to spend more than half an hour - and

easier to park down by Matalan or Wickes where its free to park, or in my case, walk. Alternatively you can leave your car at the car wash for half an hour, at least that seems to be continuously busy.

On the plus side, at least a 3 storey car park will give a bit more shelter to the increasing homeless problem - as they probably won't be able to get into the new development anyway.

I reiterate - 9 stories is too high. My opinion I know counts for nothing in this profit-led economy. The next thing we know is the residents will be complaining that the church bell is too loud, especially given the new building for the sound to bounce off.....