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Sue Sturgeon,
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30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Ms Sturgeon,

**Application Number: 16/P/01290** 

Location: Land at Guildford Park Road surface car park, Guildford GU2 7NF

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing garage buildings and redevelopment of the site to provide 160 residential apartments and houses (use class C3) with new infrastructure, parking, access, landscaping, cycle storage and associated facilities including private and community amenity space together with a 5 storey 541 space multi-storey car park (sui generis) and 825 sqm. (GEFA) flexible commercial floor space (Use class A1, B1, and D2) on the ground floor of the multi-storey car park.

We wrote on  $18^{th}$  July with objections to this planning application. We understand that new drawings have been submitted but find it very difficult to ascertain what has been changed. We think that the external materials have been changed so as to do away with the garish green and red colouring but can see no other changes. We therefore repeat our previous objections:

There is no provision for the possibility of a second road crossing over the railway linking York Road to Madrid Road a route that should be safeguarded, in fact the access to the proposed car park will preclude this.

The car park and apartments make an almost continuous wall of development up to seven stories high about 220m long. They form on a slightly smaller scale but on higher ground a wall of development similar to that proposed by Solum for the station that was recently unanimously refused by the Council.

The layout does not provide for a tree lined pedestrian link from the station and town to the University and Cathedral a concept supported by both these important stakeholders.

The houses are not integrated with the existing Guildford Park Estate.

The parking for the housing is too remote for family dwellings.

Yours sincerely

John Baylis Secretary to the Planning Group of The Guildford Society

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