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Dear Sir,

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.

The Guildford Society approves in principal the development of this site for the proposed use, however the Society objects to the current proposal due to the design and layout as follows:

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.

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 design and colouring of the car park and apartments is not in keeping with Guildford's Palette of materials.

Yours sincerely

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