

Objections to UA 44

Sir,

I would wish to object, to, and speak at the public examination of Woking Borough Council DPD, on the following points.

There is proposed to be an increase in capacity of the football stadium from 2,000 to 10,000 with no car parking allowance. Already on match days the local roads in the vicinity of the football ground are congested with spectator cars parking on double yellow lines, in the mouth of junctions, on grass verges and parking completely blocking footpaths. All these are offences under the Highways Act but no action is ever taken to rectify the situation. If planning consent is granted for the additional capacity this situation will only get worse, with, and heaven forbid it, the residents taking matters into their own hands. The parking offences are being committed at every home game and I have photographs to prove it. When I asked the council for justification for a 10,000 capacity stadium the chief executive responded with "It has been a stated ambition of mine since 1990 that the club should have a 10,000 capacity stadium in order to comply with FA rules for promotion to a higher division. The FA have confirmed that there is no restriction on ground capacity for any club to progress to a higher division. Salford City FC were promoted in 2019 from the Vanarama League into FA League Division 2 with a ground capacity of just 1,500

It is also proposed to build 1,200 apartments in blocks of 10 storey height. There is to be provision for only 500 parking spaces for the residents of these apartments, any surplus will be forced to park on the surrounding roads. The council maintain that the residents will not have cars but will walk/cycle into the town centre and if they need a car they will join a car club. How can the council make such unqualified statements as this in order to justify a lack of parking on site.

Within the council core strategy document, and this DPD, they state that any development must be in keeping in height and density with the surrounding area. How can 10 storey buildings be in keeping with the surrounding area of primarily bungalows and 2 storey houses. The local area has a density of about 45 homes per hectare whereas this proposed development will have a density of about 300 homes per hectare.

Within this proposed development there is no provision for schools, whilst all local schools are full to capacity with children from the local area having to travel to get to school.

There is no extra provision for doctor's surgeries, while patients have to wait anything up to 3 weeks in order to see a GP . There is no extra provision for waste water collection. When the council developed Kingsmoor Park in Westfield, a development of about half the size as proposed in UA44 it was found, after completion and occupation that the local water treatment plant could not cope. Residents had to suffer a 6 month road closure whilst waste tanks were buried under the road.

I wish you to take note of my objections and to grant me the opportunity to address you at the public examination.

Yours faithfully

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