

PLANNING REF : 250148
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3
: Strand Way, Earley, Berkshire
: RG6 4BU
SUBMITTED BY : Councillor David Hare
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I have concerns primarily about parking, but also the local community's quality of life. I would appreciate it if the Council to consider the following measures to ensure the development is as non-intrusive as possible:

I believe there is good reason for the introduction of Yellow Lines at least on the bend of Strand Way. We were told that no-one would park outside Liberty House, yet the road outside the home is full of cars, making it dangerous now. I have asked for them to be parked in the grounds, to no avail. As I am sure you could see the existing bend near the proposed site already experiences limited visibility, increased traffic from the new development could exacerbate safety risks. It is imperative that we maintain clear sightlines for drivers, while also ensuring safety for pedestrians and emergency vehicles. The fact that one of the set of flats (C) has no parking within the grounds is a big worry to the inhabitants of Strand Way and Regent Close. This set of flats could easily be moved back to make adequate parking available.

Because of the harm that more parking on the road would cause I insist that the development must include sufficient on-site parking spaces for all the residents and visitors.

I know people living in the indent opposite the new flats are very concerned about the parking entrances and exits. I would say that two entrance/exits is excessive, the entrance/exit could be where the entrance to Liberty House is now, diminishing danger of exit/entrance and probably freeing space for more parking.

I would ask that the Council ensures the design of the surrounds to the flats prioritises minimal visual intrusion on the street scene, both to protect neighbours' privacy and the area's character. Thank you for your attention to these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if further clarification is required.