

PLANNING REF : 250148
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 38 Strand Way
:
: RG6 4BU
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Emad AlMasri
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/03/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Councillor David Hare and Responsible Council team,

I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed development of three buildings comprising 18 apartments at Liberty House, Strand Way, Earley, Wokingham, RG6 4EA. While I support initiatives to provide affordable housing, I strongly believe that this proposal does not adequately address the existing and worsening parking and safety issues on our street.

Currently, on-street parking is already a major problem. The existing Liberty House does not have sufficient designated parking spaces for its tenants. As a result, many residents park their cars along Strand Way, creating a highly congested and hazardous environment. Given that Strand Way is a curved road, visibility is often poor, making it particularly dangerous for drivers, pedestrians, and residents especially at night and rainy days.

The addition of another 18-apartment development will significantly exacerbate these issues, increasing traffic congestion, reducing parking availability, and heightening safety risks. As a resident with young children, I am particularly concerned about the dangers posed by increased traffic and obstructed visibility. I'm facing problems already with cars parking in front of my parking bays which is next to the Libery House entrance causing safety risks and worries whenever my children is getting out of the house and from and to the car.

If this development proceeds, I strongly urge the council to implement the following measures to mitigate the impact:

- 1) Introduction of Red or Yellow Line Parking Restrictions - Implement clear restrictions along Strand Way and adjacent areas to prevent dangerous and obstructive on-street parking.
- 2) Designated Parking Allocation - Ensure that the new development includes sufficient off-street parking for all tenants to prevent further strain on public roads.
- 3) Speed Limit Reduction to 20 mph - Introduce a reduced speed limit to improve road safety, particularly given the number of children and pedestrians in the area.
- 4) Traffic Safety Measures - Install additional signage, speed bumps, or mirrors to enhance visibility and safety along the curved sections of the road.

Without these measures, the proposed development will significantly worsen existing problems, making the road less safe for residents and road users. I urge the council to carefully reconsider the current plan or, at the very least, ensure appropriate mitigations are in place before proceeding.

Sincerely,

38 Strand Way Residents

